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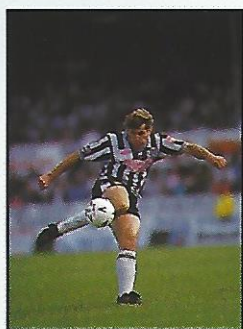
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Adelaide City
striker Steve
Maxwell scored
his first goal in 12
months against
South Melbourne
last month.
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EDITORIAL

Welcome to our special Christmas edition of 'Soccer Australia'.

And whilst it's naturally the time of year for wishing peace to all and goodwill amongst men, the players of the Coca-Cola Soccer League will be heading towards the New Year with little other than blood and thunder in their eyes as we look towards the business end of the 1992/93 campaign.

Championship hopes are made and broken at this time of the year, the hectic match schedule at the turn of the year rekindling the chances of some clubs and dashing the hopes of others. Can the unlikely title chasers from West Adelaide and Parramatta maintain the pace, or will perennial heavyweights like Marconi, South Melbourne, Adelaide City and Melbourne CSC offer their supporters Christmas joy?

There are some blockbusting clashes to contemplate in December as the top six takes shape, Christmas crackers and all.

What better way for football worshippers to bring in the New Year than watching all the CCSL drama unfold over what promises to be a scorching holiday period.

All our regular features are on deck again telling us what's hot, all the latest news, the 1993 World Youth Championships update and our monthly club report cards.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our readers.

GREG BLAKE

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Apologies for neglecting to mention the names of our state roundsmen who wrapped-up the 1992 winter seasons around the nation in the November edition. The men on the spot for 'Soccer Australia' were Walter Pless (Tas), Allan Crisp (SA), Greg Blake (Vic), Kevin McIlduff (WA) and Robert Smith (NSW, Nth NSW and Queensland).

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OUR GOAL-DEN BOY

He's the golden boy of Australian soccer. Yet, like so many of our great players, he has had to head overseas to gain the rewards his rich talents deserve.

Ned Zelic, Australia's Footballer of the Year, has had a momentous 1992.

The highlight has been signing for Bundesliga club Borussia Dortmund for an Australian record \$600,000.

But other special moments include:

- Scoring THAT once-in-a-lifetime goal against Holland to clinch the Coca-Cola Olyroos a place at the Barcelona Olympics.
- Captaining the Coca-Cola Olyroos to a fantastic fourth spot in Barcelona. Playing for Borussia against German captain and Bayern Munich midfielder Lothar Matthaeus in a German Cup game. Borussia won on penalties.
- Celebrating his 21st birthday on July 4th.

The world is certainly at Ned Zelic's feet and, in this Soccer Australia special questions and answers interview with DOUG BOOTH, he is determined to make the most of his opportunity just as he did in Utrecht in May.

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Booth: Describe what it's like playing in the Bundesliga?

Zelic: Playing in the Bundesliga is great. It's a strong league with many good players. Every game is tough, regardless of who you play. The fans support the games with a real passion. The Dortmund fans are great – 20,000 of the usual 35,000 - 42,000 are in the stadium 90 minutes before the kick-off.

It's always great seeing some Australian flags among the thousands of Dortmund flags in the stadium. The Bundesliga is very skillful, quick, direct and physical. Teams play an attacking style but defence is very important as well. In general, it's a very disciplined league. I enjoy the style of soccer very much.

Booth: Have the Germans given you a nickname yet?

Zelic: No nickname but I've been described in the newspapers as "Ned the Sunnyboy" and "The Aussie Kangaroo".

Booth: What do you miss most about Australia?

Zelic: My family and friends. I also miss the people who are very close to me who give me good advice whenever it's required. There's also the warm weather, the people and the places I've grown up to appreciate. It's been very difficult leaving all of that behind to come to a new environment. It's been a very big change from what I am used to but I know I have made the right decision concerning my football future. It's going to be hard but the people have helped me settle in well.

Booth: What position are you playing and are you happy there?

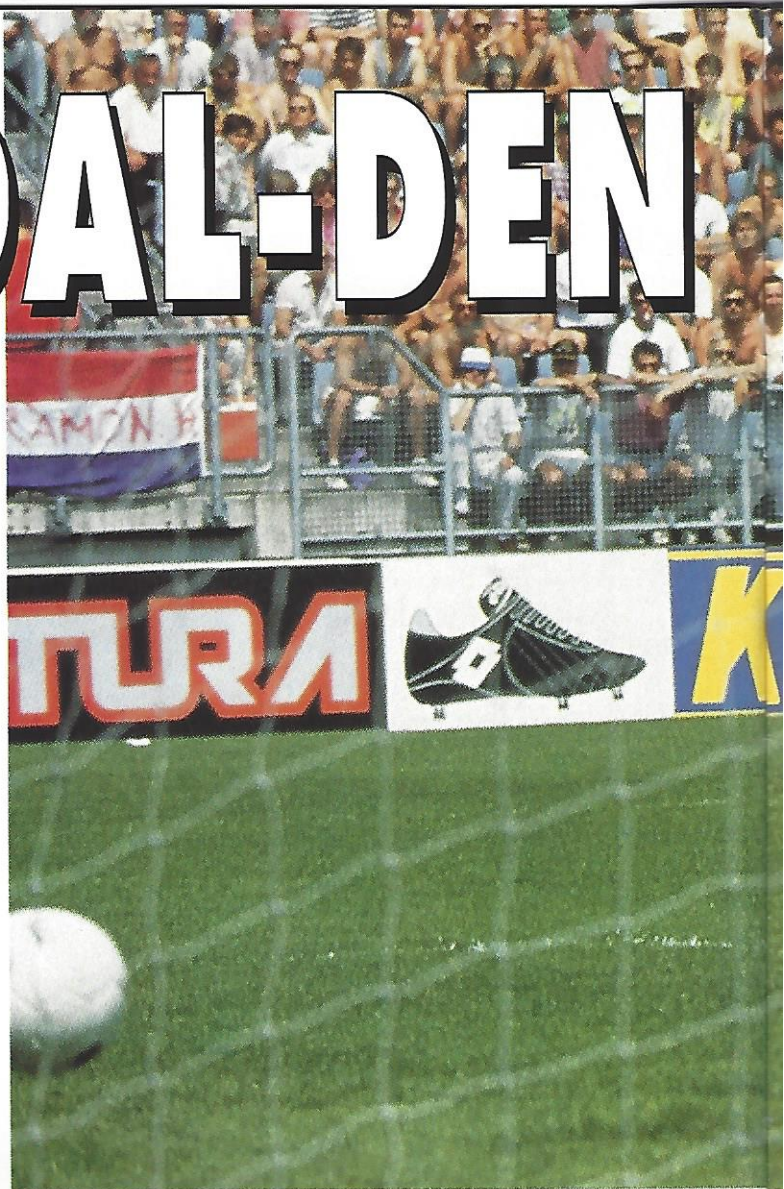
Zelic: At present I'm playing in central midfield. I've played there before so I do enjoy it. In the past few years I've played most of my soccer at sweeper.

GOAL-DEN

But German international Stefan Reuter, who played for Juventus in Italy last year, is playing sweeper at present. I enjoy both positions.

Booth: Describe a typical Ned Zelic day?

Zelic: I usually get up around 8.45am. I leave for training at 9.15am. It takes 15 minutes to reach the stadium. Training starts at 10am prompt and lasts for one hour



“It's been a very big change from what I am used to, but I know I have made the right decision”

and 15 minutes. I then go home and either attend language classes or look around the city. For dinner, I always eat out. For the rest of the evening I either relax at home or go across the road and speak to some friends who work at a small hotel.

Booth: Have there been any humorous moments to date?

Zelic: Most of the humorous moments

have involved the German language, or rather my lack of it. People would come up and start talking to me. I would not understand a word they were saying but I would stand there and listen for a good two or three minutes nodding my head, giving the occasional outburst of laughter. There have been several other situations and some that I can't exactly put into words but I'm sure there will be numerous other situations in the future.



BOY...

• Ned Zelic scores his first goal against Holland in Utrecht.

Booth: Have you been accepted or is there still this "stranger from Down Under" resentment?

Zelic: I have been accepted very well. The players and the people involved with the club have made me feel very welcome. The big advantage is that most of the players and people speak English so it has enabled me to speak with everyone without having to worry about language barriers. Borussia is a very professional club with a friendly atmosphere. It's interesting and exciting to have a professional career at such a club.

Booth: Are you available for the New Zealand World Cup qualifiers next May? If so what are your plans?

Zelic: I'd obviously like to play for Australia whenever I can. I'd say I will be available to play against New Zealand next May as it is such an important game for us and one for which we have a lot of time to prepare for. It's going to be difficult getting all the players together as so many play overseas nowadays. But when it is possible it should be done. We can't afford to be under-prepared for World Cup qualifiers.

Booth: What was Barcelona like? How well-known in Europe are you because of THAT goal?

Zelic: Barcelona was brilliant. It was a great achievement by the squad to get into the semi-finals but it was disap-

pointing to leave without a medal. The squad had a super two years together and to reach Barcelona and do well was really special for us all. The Olympics are the biggest sporting event in the world and to be able to mix with different athletes from around the world was a good experience.

I don't think many people in Germany actually saw the goal against Holland. A few people have mentioned the goal but I suppose Australia and Holland know more about it than anyone else.

Booth: You became an overnight sensation in Australia. Do you miss the spotlight or do you think playing overseas was the best move?

Zelic: It's a nice feeling to be in the spotlight and have people know me in

Australia but I knew that eventually I had to make a move to Europe where I have an opportunity to further my career. Full-time soccer can only be beneficial to a player and it's a job I definitely enjoy doing. I know I have made the right decision and I also realise at times it's going to be very difficult. But it's what I have always wanted. Being well-known in Australia is great and means a lot to me.

Hopefully I will always have that support. I'll never forget the fan mail and faxes received from Australia during the Barcelona Olympics. The whole squad had great support from the Australian public. It was truly inspiring.

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SEPP SPEAKS OUT

FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter called on Australia to apply to host the World Cup finals in 2002 in Sydney last month.

Speaking before making the draw for the 7th World Youth Championships in Australia next March, Sepp also hinted that the Coca-Cola Socceroos could be included in the Asian qualifying zone in future.

"Whatever the result of the discussions with Asia, FIFA hopes to have a solu-

tion to the Oceania problem in time for the 1998 World Cup finals," he said.

"The current draw is not a good system and we realise there must be a better way of arranging qualifying groupings to eliminate the present horrendous travel. "

"Australia is very important to FIFA. If Sydney can plan for the 2000 Olympics, then the World Cup is open to them," he added.

• World Youth draw Page 13



• *Sepp Blatter and Annita Keating at the draw.*

CASH BOOST TO WIN BACK CROWDS

The ASF is spending more than \$500,000 on an extensive advertising campaign to win back crowds at Coca-Cola Soccer League games. ASF Chief

Executive Ian Holmes said major cities are being being targetted in television commercials and the CCSL would standardise the marketing of all

clubs. Attendances are down 10 per cent on last year but Holmes partly blamed poor weather for the drop.

* Full CCSL coverage Pages 19-32.



NEW ZEALAND CUP DATES

The Coca-Cola Socceroos will play New Zealand in Auckland on the final weekend in May 1993 and the home leg, in Melbourne, the following weekend.

The winner from the World Cup Oceania Group qualifying section will then meet the runner-up in CONCACAF in home and away games.

The successful country from those games will play the fourth-placed South American team to reach the World Cup finals in the USA in 1994.

The Dream Team - the cream of Australia's overseas-based players - held a successful training camp in Holland last month. Under national coach Eddie Thomson and assistant coach Les Scheinflug, the Dream Team, with players such as Farina, Zelic, Slater and Mitchell in its line-up, drew 0-0 with Dutch first division side FC Twente in the opening game.

The foreign-based Socceroos then hit their straps to beat Belgian first division team Germinal Ekeren 2-1. Paul Okon opened the scoring after 40

DREAM TEAM SUCCESS

minutes from a Robbie Slater cross. Germinal equalised from the penalty spot 10 seconds after half-time but Vlado Bozinoski grabbed the winner 15 minutes later after a break by Graham Arnold.

"All of the players were very determined and it is easy to see they all want to be part of Australia's World Cup plans," Les Scheinflug said.

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ANISSA IS A FINE ROLE MODEL



• Anissa is seated, second from the left, in our photograph of the female Coca-Cola Socceroos.

FAIR WIN TO OLYMPIC

Sydney Olympic is the October winner of the 1992-93 Mitre Fair Play Trophy. The club receives \$400 worth of Mitre products. At the end of the season the club with the least number of penalty points wins \$2500 worth of Mitre products.

Anissa Tann, captain of the female Coca-Cola Socceroos, is helping to break down the barriers. Anissa, 24, and with 25 international caps under her belt, recently celebrated 12 months as a full-time development officer. The unique aspect of her job with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation is that she is the first and only woman to be employed in a technical capacity by a men's federation. The NSW Amateur Soccer Federation is the largest soccer body in Australia with more than 110,000 registered players, 95 per cent of whom are male. A level three coach, Anissa beat several international male players to score the position. Happy first anniversary, Anissa!



• The FIFA World Youth Cup mascots.

OUR REPUTATION IS SKY-HIGH

Australia's success on the field is being matched off the field . . . and at the highest level. FIFA was full of praise for a special submission on next March's World Youth Championships presented in Zurich by ASF chairman John Constantine and project manager George Dick.

"FIFA complimented Australia and said it was the most detailed report they had ever received," Constantine said. "Our budget also made a great impression on the finance

department who said it was the best presented to them of any youth championships. "Australia's standing is probably at an all-time high with FIFA through the submission and the efforts of former ASF president Sir Arthur George, whose initial work got the championships for Australia.

"The effort also augurs well for Oceania's possible future inclusion under full confederation status," Constantine said.

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Why not WA ? That has been the question from CCSL fans for as long as the national competition has been around. There is no doubt the West Australians could field a competitive club, given the success of that state's other sporting teams. In 1992 WA held national titles in basketball, Aussie Rules and baseball. KEVIN McILDUFF considers the cases for and against the Sandgropers getting a crack at the CCSL crown.

HOW THE WEST CAN BE WON



QUESTION: When is a national league not a true national body?

ANSWER: When that league is the National Coca-Cola Soccer League.

While eastern states clubs and supporters may argue vigorously in support of their teams' hope of collecting some silverware in the season ahead, soccer followers in WA are left very much with a feeling of being on the outside looking in.

With the CCSL now being televised on SBS at a more godly hour many WA fans are now watching Australian soccer for perhaps the first time on a regular basis, but even so familiarity with the players and the clubs would almost border on nil. Quite simply it is like watching football from another coun-

try. If the player has not represented Australia with any great sense of distinction then the erstwhile soccer star is a virtual unknown save for a few well informed followers.

But that is not to say that the West Australian public is apathetic about soccer, quite the contrary as WA has a thriving soccer community and has supplied the CCSL and overseas with a host of well respected coaches and players. The most recent player to leave the WA shores was Perth Italia and Olyroo defender Shaun Murphy who has joined English first division club, Notts County. Perhaps if WA was included in an expanded CCSL then

there would not be such a pressing need for youngsters such as goalkeeper Andrew Petterson to leave for Britain (the "keeper is currently with English first division side Luton Town) if he could gain a reasonable soccer education in Australia.

Sure, if the player has any potential and ambition then he is always likely to head overseas, but at least WA and the CCSL could have had the privilege of watching another emerging Australian soccer player. Naturally the chief executive officer of soccer's governing body in WA, the Soccer

“There is a strong case for WA to be accepted into the CCSL and . . . that is fairly obvious”

Administration of Western Australia, Ian Cox, supports this state's entry into the CCSL preferably for the 1993-94 season. "There is a strong case for WA to be accepted into the CCSL and I should think that is fairly obvious," Cox said.

"The standard of WA soccer is quite comparable with that of overseas and that can be seen with the results that we have had this season against Werder Bremen (a 3-2 win over the European Cup Winners' Cup holders) and Shelbourne (0-0 draw with the Irish league champions when WA squandered numerous chances).

"Okay, people might say that these are isolated examples because we have not had many internationals for a while.

"That is true, but if you go back to the last international match just a few years ago against Moscow Torpedo then the state side lost only narrowly in very difficult circumstances considering it was a very wet night in January. "So I think that our record is comparable with other states. "The other pointer to consider is the amount of players and coaches that have left WA for the CCSL or to go overseas. "

Four of the young Socceroo Squad that travelled to South America were originally from WA. Cox said that if WA was to gather a side purely on the players that have left the state in recent

seasons then they could quite easily field a side that would pose a strong threat in the CCSL.

"So to me there is a strong case based upon our playing standards and record of late," he said. "There are other philosophical reasons of course as it is not a national soccer league – it simply isn't. "That might be playing with words, but it isn't a national soccer league and I know that is a matter of

merely concentrated in Melbourne and Sydney. Predictably it was not something that was met favourably from those respective soccer camps, but with several clubs in financial difficulty it is time that alternative clubs are sought to provide a more realistic challenge for the league title and in doing so provide a more vibrant CCSL.

Cox concurred with Holmes' sentiments saying: "I don't have an axe to grind against Sydney or Melbourne clubs, but I am told from a number of sources that many of them are struggling and don't really have the facilities required of a national league.

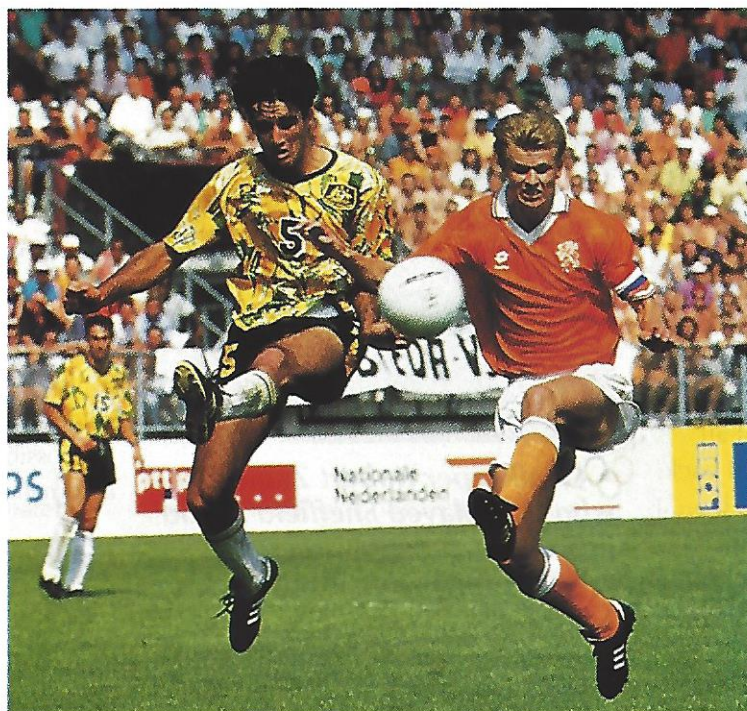
"Now, if that is the case then they could be replaced by clubs from other centres which have a greater potential support and better facilities.

"You must ask yourself why prop up too many clubs from those two particular centres?

"Well, the answer is politics quite obviously. There is enough politics within soccer without people using it

as a medium for external politics and I think you'll know what I am talking about." Cox said that perhaps it was time that other clubs put aside their vested interests and consider what in the long run would be beneficial for the game, but he is not holding out any great hope that such a situation will arise.

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• **Shaun Murphy (left) learned his soccer trade in Perth before joining English club Notts County.**

concern to sponsors both actual and potential. "To people like SBS, who have the contract to televise matches, it is a problem to them because it has limited appeal in WA as there is not a local side playing.

The chief executive of the ASF, Ian Holmes, also floated the possibility that the CCSL should be spread wider than

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Asked if there was any other reason other than costs which could possibly preclude WA from entering a strong side in the CCSL he responded: "I would not be confident of the objectivity of the CCSL clubs if they had to vote for the inclusion of a Perth team at the expense of one from their own city."

"People lobby, people are owed favours, people are influenced and that would obviously be a potential obstacle given the level of politicking that goes on in soccer."

"Any objective person looking at it would have to say that the only barrier is the cost involved."

Cox estimated that WA would require \$1.5 million as their capital base over a three-year period and an operational budget of around \$500,000.

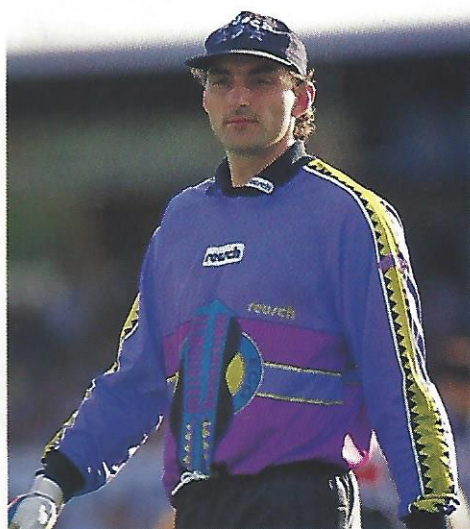
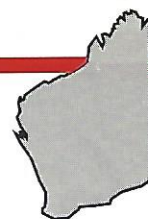
Cox said such a figure would certainly be attainable for a WA side through grants, sponsorships and other sources. Cox said that the ideal situation would be "the equalisation of airfare costs".

"The Bradley Report stipulates the need for WA to pick up the airfares of all clubs from Adelaide to Perth and back. So for the cost of coming to WA it would not cost them any more than it currently costs to go to Adelaide. That is what is proposed in the Bradley Report."

"Equalisation of costs means that everybody pays all costs equal and that is where the clubs would be up for additional expense and that is a stumbling block. If we found a benefactor who said 'state soccer is going to become my baby and we'll meet those initial costs of entry' then I think they would let us in quite quickly."

Cox said that even if WA was forced to meet the costs of all CCSL clubs to and from WA from Adelaide then it would not necessarily be "an insurmountable

HOW THE WEST CAN BE WON



• **Goalkeeper Robert Zabica, who also played Sheffield Shield cricket for Western Australia.**

barrier". Cox also argued that with a truly national competition a big name sponsor would be easier to attain both for the CCSL and for WA.

One of the leading contenders for the post of coaching a WA side, Perth Italia and state coach Gary Marocchi, said that given a reasonable budget WA, within two or three years, would pose a strong threat and a place in the top six is not unrealistic.

Marocchi said that if WA was not allowed in the CCSL for the start of the 1993-94 season then it would have a serious effect on its ability to provide a

strong side. (There has been talk that 1994-95 might now be the preferred starting point).

Marocchi, who has just guided Italia to its second consecutive title, said that WA has an excellent bunch of youngsters who would be quite capable of performing admirably in the CCSL. But if WA's timetable of entry was delayed then those players would be lost to other CCSL clubs.

"Personally I think the start of next season should be the year and if we don't get in then there could be a lot of players possibly going and they cannot be automatically replaced," Marocchi said.

"If we lost the majority of our state side then the nucleus is broken and obviously it is very hard to replace them and still have the same sort of competitiveness."

"You don't have good players coming to you every year and you have got to make the most of them when you have them available."

Aside from the trivial attitude of WA against the rest and the cost of increased airfares, the ASF and the CCSL must consider the wider interests of the game and the benefit that could be gained from spreading the soccer gospel is immeasurable. It is one pilgrimage that would be well worth undertaking.

SOCCER AUSTRALIA



You bet it's big. Another month passes and we draw ever closer to witnessing first hand the biggest sporting event to be held in this country since the 1956 Olympic Games, the 1993 FIFA Coca-Cola World Youth Championships. The organising and arranging is at fever pitch in preparation for an event which will focus the eyes of millions around the globe on Australia. Here we take our monthly updated look at the lead up to Australian sport's blockbuster event of the year ahead.

The draw for next March's 7th World Youth Championships for the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup proved it.

It's going to be BIG!

But it also proved something else. It's going to be very tough for Australia to win the gold medal on its own turf.

The draw, conducted by FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter at Sydney's Darling Harbour, was one of the best soccer shows ever organised in Australia. It was beamed live to an estimated worldwide television audience of more than 47 million. It backed up the established theme that the championships next March will be BIG.

But Australian Youth team coach Les Scheinflug found it difficult to raise a smile immediately after the draw was completed. Australia will meet classy South Americans Colombia in its opening Group 1 game at the Sydney Football Stadium on March 5. "It couldn't have been worse and we couldn't have had a harder first-up match," Scheinflug



• Left to right: Wayne Gardner, Craig Johnston and organising committee chairman Neville Wran at the draw.

It's going to be . . .

BIG!

said. "Colombia is one of the hardest teams in South America and Russia is one of the hardest in Europe," he said.

Scheinflug watched Colombia play in Venezuela during the recent Coca-Cola Young Socceroos tour and he was impressed. "But that's the luck of the

draw. I think Colombia would have to be one of the favourites," he added. Scheinflug is still hoping to play eight more matches before Colombia.

The ASF will also use a new approach by playing all matches as double-head-ers. "In addition, on the day of the final, we'll play the match for third place as the early game. "This will give an opportunity for the public to see the best four teams in the world," ASF chairman John Constantine said.

THE GROUPINGS

Group 1 in Sydney: Australia, Colombia, Russia, Africa (2)

Group 2 in Melbourne: Korea, England, Turkey, USA

Group 3 in Adelaide: Mexico, Norway, Brazil, Saudi Arabia

Group 4 in Brisbane: Portugal, Germany, Uruguay, Africa (1)





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SPRING SUMMER 1993

AQUILA



DOWN THE corridors of power at the Australian Soccer Federation, the mere mention of Ian Holmes' name has been known to cause raised eyebrows and the much shaking of heads. In Victoria, there are those who would gladly see public whipping brought back into vogue just for Holmes.

Not surprisingly, his aggressive nature in regards to his thoughts on the game and his forthrightness tends to win more enemies than it does friends.

But, like him or loathe him, there is no doubting he is one of the top notch sporting administrators in the country. A man who stands by his convictions - a rare commodity, especially in Australian soccer.

When you talk to Ian Holmes you come away feeling as though there might still be hope for the game in this country. Instead of backpedalling all the time, there is, in his eyes, the opportunity for the sport to go forward.

I had the chance to have a long discussion with him recently and while I was not totally convinced by all of his arguments on a wide range of subjects, I came away impressed with his convictions.

Certainly, he caused a furor with his comments regarding the axing of two teams from Sydney and Melbourne, but the truth often hurts.

We think along the same lines regarding



• Ian Holmes

SELLING SOCCER

the future make-up of the CCSL. While other sports are trying to expand in terms of size of competition, I feel soccer has to go the other way. With many of our talented youngsters trying their luck overseas it is obvious our playing ranks are going to thin out. Simply, we cannot accommodate 14 teams because there are not enough good players to go around.

Quality rather than quantity is what we must strive for and the clubs have to realise that sooner or later they will have to make way.

Spots must be found for Perth and, a lit-

tle further down the track, Tasmania. If we want to win creditability as a national sport then we have to go all the way.

I found the discussion on PAY TV enlightening. There is no doubt in my mind that this new media medium is going to change the course of television and sport. Australian soccer has a good product to sell and, with PAY TV and the commercial stations vying for all sports, it would be to our advantage in the future to see we get a fair and proper deal. At last the ASF is trying to do

something about the Development Fee or, as Mr Holmes put it, the National Registration Fee. Whatever it is called, something has to be done to see that the money is properly collected and put to good use.

I must admit, I am not fussed with the idea of the ASF changing its name to the AFF. I have to disagree with Holmes here because soccer will always be soc-

cer in Australia. Because we have so many football codes, we need to be able to differentiate from rugby and Australian football.

All in all, I found Ian Holmes spoke a great deal of common sense. His idea of the future for Australian soccer fits in, for most part anyway, with my views on the game.

Hopefully, he will be allowed to help implement some of his ideas instead of watching them fall by the wayside because of the insular thinking of other administrators.

Australia Soccer Federation chief executive and commissioner Ian Holmes has a reputation of speaking his mind on many subjects affecting the sport. There was a time when he won a reputation as "Hurricane Holmes". These days he is somewhat more subdued, though he is still regarded as one of the game's real thinkers. RAY GATT, soccer writer for the Australian newspaper, tackled him on some tricky subjects recently and this is what Holmes had to say.

GATT: There are those who consider the Development Levy has been a failure and that funds collected have not been used properly.

HOLMES: I have never been keen on the term Development Levy or the fact it has been used solely for the use of the various national teams. My view is, and the Board agrees, that we continue with a National Registration Fee for players. The fee will be used to implement all ASF programs, including the national teams, Roo Ball, national coaching schemes, participation, referee's director and Gender Equity (women's soccer).

GATT: But, there has always been a problem collecting money or getting various bodies to put their weight behind it.

HOLMES: Sure, the implementation could have been better and that is not a criticism of the previous administration. It has to be remembered that the fee was a culture shock for the sport and there are still many loose ends at State and junior level, and, especially at school level. However, the system can work.

GATT: So where does sponsorship money come in?

HOLMES: Sponsor's money, of course, is vital and should be used for preparing our national teams and for supplementing existing programs.

GATT: How much does the levy raise, how much will it raise in the future and are there any changes to the fee structure?

HOLMES: We raised \$230,000, which is virtually half of what we expected.

HURRICANE HOLMES

We have had discussions with the State federations and they acknowledge there is room for improvement. We are hoping to generate a higher revenue, though not much more than the existing figure. As for the fees there is a slight variation. It will be \$5 for non-amateur players (NSL, State League players or anyone who earns a living from playing) and \$1 for amateur players of all ages in competition. Previously it was a flat rate \$5 for adults and \$1 for juniors.

GATT: The situation regarding SBS-TV has a few people perplexed. Why don't they pay for the rights for the Cola-Cola Soccer League and national teams?

HOLMES: When the ABC originally gained the rights, SBS, understandably, committed themselves to other projects. It is fair to say when the ABC pulled the plug, SBS bent over backwards to try and assist us in keeping soccer on TV with a limited budget. Harry Michael's Productions were also instrumental in keeping the CCSL and national teams on TV. SBS start to cre-

ate new areas of revenue (re-advertising) they will be looking to pay a fee without committing economic suicide. Fees will start to rollover in the next couple of years.

GATT: And what about PAY TV. It is going to be a boon for many of the minor sports which cannot attract television.

HOLMES: The ASF have retained the rights for PAY TV. No-one, however, is clear on the effect it will have there. It could be an avenue to explore in conjunction with SBS and the ABC.

GATT: Marketing has never been one of the ASF's strongest points. Indeed, the ASF appears to have stumbled from one marketing company disaster to another over the years. Are things changing in that direction?

HOLMES: I admit it is an area which, as you rightly put it, has not been our greatest strength. Companies have come and gone, promised the world and delivered little. But, we are happy

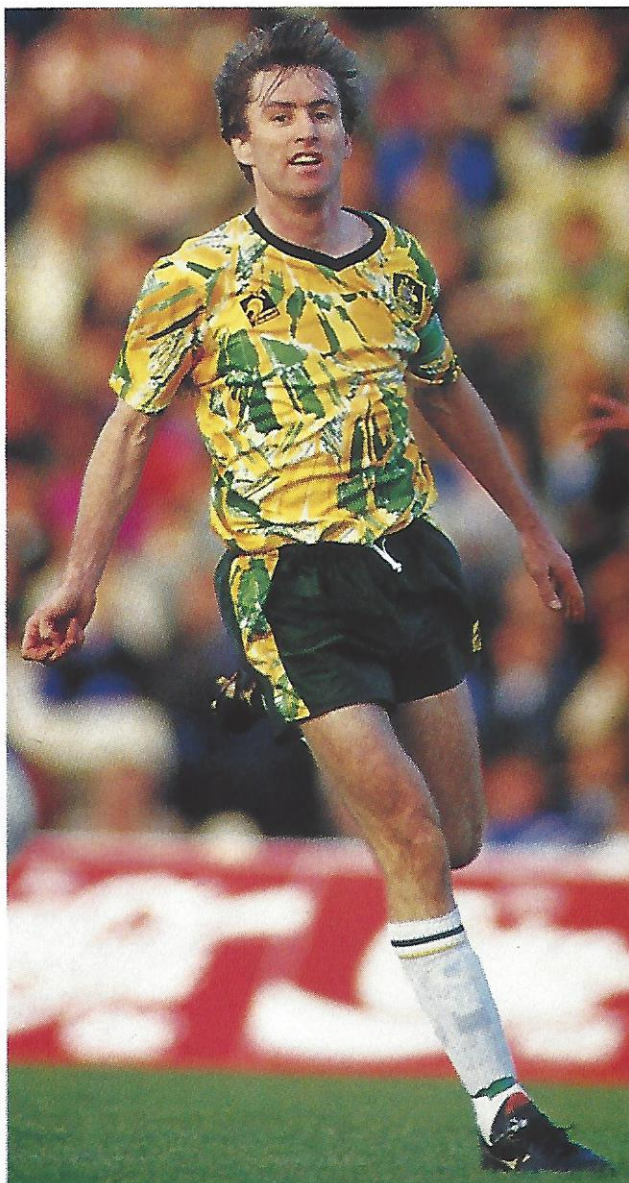
now with the involvement of the Stenmark Organisation and have our own marketing manager - Cec Bucello. We are finally servicing (looking after) our sponsors. As well, we will be embarking on a \$500,000 advertising campaign by the end of November. The money will be used to promote the CCSL and national teams through advertising on SBS and the three commercial TV stations.

GATT: On the subject of Coke and their sponsorship it is an often touted thought that Coke will be pulling out of their sponsorship after the World Youth Championship. True or false?

HOLMES: Coke's contract ends at the end of next season. It is obviously up to them what they do, but they will have to determine whether they have received value for money. The ASF thinks it has. Look, the Coca-Cola Olyroos are the perfect example of what Australian soccer can do for Coca-Cola. Having said that, it is important for the sport to continually show we have a great product to sell. I think we have done well to attract sponsors, especially at the height of some of the worst economic conditions this country has experienced in 30 years.

GATT: What are your thoughts on the ASF changing its name to the Australian Football Association?

HOLMES: It is a cultural cringe to refer to the game as soccer when all over the world, except two countries, we know the game as football. It is a matter of brand identity. I can see arguments both ways. Australia is certainly different from most countries because we have so many "football" codes, the two rugbys and Australian Rules.



• *Paul Wade ... sponsor required.*

GATT: It is an old question, but it is still talked about often. Will we ever have professional football in Australia?

HOLMES: It all comes down to dollars at the end of the day. The way things are structured at the moment, I cannot see it in the near future, though it has got to happen eventually. For the time being, we have to come to terms with the economic times we face. Maybe corporate Australia could become involved in sponsorship of individual players. For example, Nissan could sponsor Paul Wade and Westpac could sponsor Robert Zabica. It happens in Malta, where every national team player is sponsored.

GATT: The toughest question concerns FIFA and the way it views Australian soccer. Are we ever going to have any weight with the men in Zurich?

HOLMES: We have to come to terms with the fact FIFA is not a democratic organisation and Oceania is probably regarded as a residue organisation. Look at the Israel situation. They were too hard to place, so FIFA threw them in with us for the World Cup qualifiers and, because we did not have the political clout, we could do nothing about it. It is up to Oceania to prove we deserve confederation status. The problem is Asia don't want us, so, if Oceania ceases to exist then CONCACAF, though not as close as Asia geographically, might be an answer. Still, we have a responsibility to do our best to contribute to Oceania.

GATT: You caused a furore, especially in Melbourne, with your comments that the CCSL has to be reduced in terms of number of teams playing and that there are too many clubs from Sydney and Melbourne.

HOLMES: I stand by what I said, though I have to stress they were my own, personal views. It would be a boring world if we all thought the same. I firmly believe that we should be striving for quality not quantity as far as the national competition is concerned. Clubs have to start looking at their resources and have to look long and hard at their future and where they will be in the 21st century.

Gone are the days when clubs thought they had a divine right to play in a competition. These days you have to prove - on and off the field - that you are worthy of a place.

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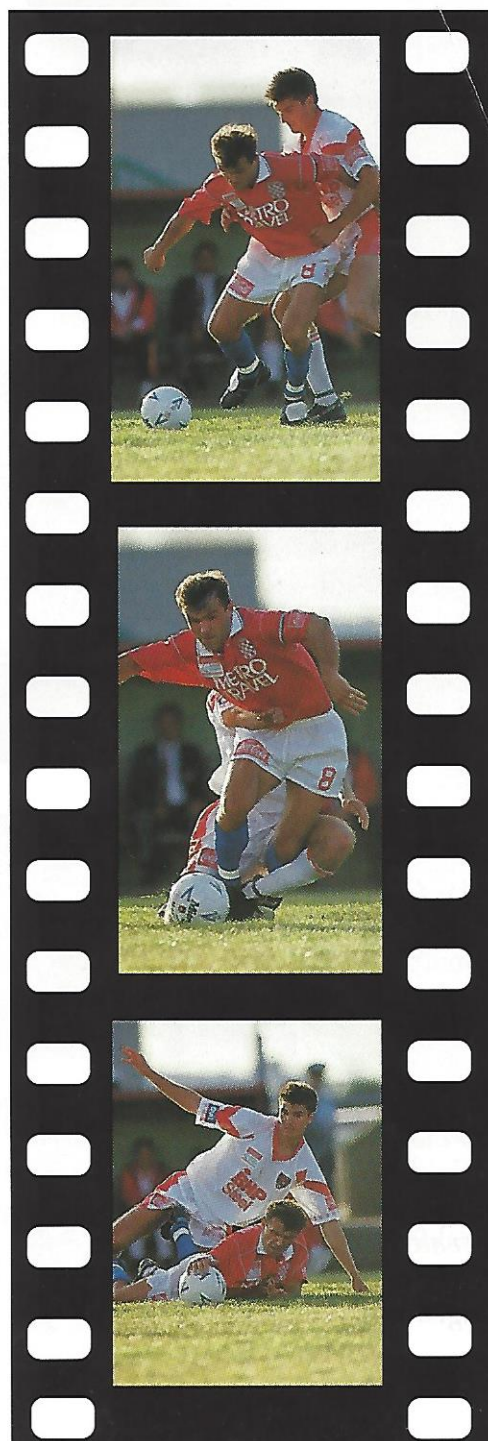
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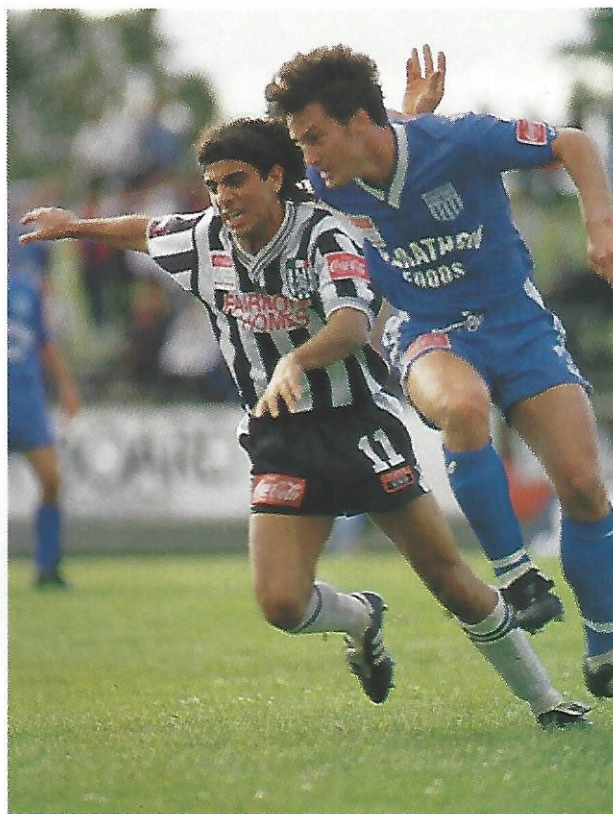
• **ABOVE:** Wollongong defender Mike O'Shea comes out on top. **RIGHT:** Last season's Player of the Year Joe Biskic finds the going tough.

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• Above: Adelaide City's Ross Aloisi and South Melbourne's Danny Wright do battle.
• Below: Melbourne's CSC's Fausto De Amicis closes down on Wollongong's Matthew Horsley.

• Right: West Adelaide's Hugo Gimenez (left) and Adelaide City's Damian Mori clash in midfield with West's Mark Brazzale in the background.



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- *Right: Steve Jackson and Kevin Muscat challenge for the ball.*
- *Below: Things often get heated in derbies.*



- *Above left: David Green jumps over Ollie Pondeljak.*
- *Above right: John Markovski is booked by referee John Santa Isabel.*



WHO'S TOP

ADELAIDE CITY (B)

A return to the top of the class is not far away for the all-time honours student of last year. This regular high achiever excelled last year and is, if anything, setting sights on a repeat as dux of the class. One cannot fault this student's steady and untroubled start to a difficult year. Top class.

BRISBANE UNITED (e)

Despite an arduous travel schedule and a lack of preparation, this student from the far north continues to battle his way in the middle of the pack. Anything above the bottom 20 per cent of class will be a bonus, but Bleiberg appears to have his charges primed to surprise. Good effort.

HEIDELBERG UNITED (e-)

What a disappointment this youngster is. Heidelberg had resolved to fulfill the promise shown late in the last school year, but are struggling after an encouraging start. The attitude is right, the application is not and tutor Cole has every right to be angry. Must try harder.

MARCONI FAIRFIELD (e)

We all expect so much of this blue ribbon member of the class, but we shouldn't be surprised at the drop in

It's the second month of the new CCSL school year and the chase for honours is on in earnest. Once again we've evaluated the pupils and filled out those monthly 'Soccer Australia' report cards. Who is top of the class in November?

performance in the new term. It was a traumatic holiday break, and the effects of dramatic changes in the camp of the perennial honours student will be felt for some time. But still encouraging enough to suggest the end of year exams aren't out of the question. We reserve judgement.

MELBOURNE CSC (B)

The big improver over the second month of term and proving everyone wrong with a steely show of determination under adversity. This lad had every right to throw in the towel after the disappointment of successive final exam failures and a dreadful opening to this term. It says plenty about the stuff this fellow is made of and we look forward to more of the same. Shows potential.

MORWELL (B)

The new face in the classroom scores well once again, despite taking a couple of thrashings at the hands of a couple of this academy's bully boys. Quite frankly, we expect-

ed this youngster to flounder in this toughest of courses, but there's been no limit to the effort the new lad had put in during the early going. Might have been marked higher had he not been found out on excursions away from Crinigen Reserve. Good effort.

NEWCASTLE (D)

Has shown nothing to indicate an improvement despite supposedly having studied hard in particular subjects during the break. Gritty and a renowned fighter, this lad will tough it out and not be embarrassed in the face of a tough scholastic schedule. But destined to only struggle through and will not get a chance at the end of year exams. Keep trying.

PARRAMATTA (B)

Parramatta has passed the 1992/93 entrance exams in style and this student is still earmarked as an improver this term. But the signs are there that there is still much study and graft to be done before we are convinced of this lad's claims as a top achiever. Keep up the good work.

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OF THE CLASSES?

PRESTON (E)

We understand that an upgrading from F to E between reports is not the most marked of progress, but we hope it will encourage this traumatised youngster.

A change of tutor has not dramatically changed things, and the four point detention penalty from the school board has meant that even Master Crino will be hard pressed to up the output. Will have to improve dramatically to avoid possible expulsion.

SOUTH MELBOURNE (e)

We felt this lively young fellow would come good. Although not convinced that the former honours student is ready for another crack at the end of year exams, his flair and enthusiasm for studies is starting to show. Even at the worst of times, this student is a pleasure to teach and is always a classroom contributor. A steady improver.

SYDNEY CSC (B)

All flash and bravado early in the year, we are not convinced that the improvement is anything significant after having shown an inability to follow on with the good work. It's too early to tell, but potential is only ever just that unless it is realised. We expected better.

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• Adelaide City striker Joe Mullen closes in on goal with South Melbourne keeper Dean Anastasiadis on the ground.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC (E)

An average start has become a shameful opening to the term for this former brash young fellow. A student who invariably walks with a swagger but is less prone to actually achieving anything in the classroom, he has much work to do to improve on this report. Very, very disappointing effort from this lad. Not good enough.

WEST ADELAIDE (A)

We are convinced that this former class clown is a reformed character. Under the watchful gaze of Master Blanco, the boy has shone in every

department this term. Productive, keen, enthusiastic and a born entertainer, the surprise packets of the new school year are destined for top percentage honours. A hearty well done.

WOLLONGONG (B)

A quiet methodical student who is rarely noticed in class and often berated for his appearance, this hardy fellow continues to battle away successfully. We quite expected a second term drop. Instead he's up-graded a notch for simply sticking in there almost un-noticed. We like what we've seen from this fellow this year and fully expect that he'll be sitting the end of season exams once again. Good effort.

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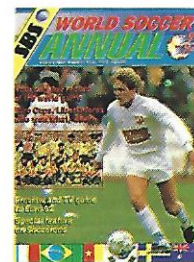
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West Adelaide	11	7	2	2	24	14	23
Marconi F'ield	11	7	-	4	16	13	21
South Melbourne	11	6	2	3	15	10	20
Parramatta E's	11	6	2	3	15	14	20
Wollongong City	11	5	4	2	15	9	19
Sydney CSC	11	6	1	4	16	12	19
Adelaide City	11	5	3	3	11	9	18
Melbourne CSC	11	5	2	4	19	14	17
Sydney Olympic	11	4	2	5	13	15	14
Morwell Falcons	11	2	4	5	10	15	10
Heidelberg Utd	11	1	6	4	10	17	9
Newcastle BHP	11	1	5	5	5	10	8
Brisbane United	11	2	1	8	11	22	7
Preston	11	1	4	6	10	16	3*

* Preston started the season minus four match points

Lozanovski, Parton and Tacevski (P)

Send-offs: Tombolato 52 (MF)

Referee: J.Fraser

MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Tombolato (sent off 52), Thorpe, Della Rocca, Pender, Cassar, Becvinovski, Wright, Waddell, McMullen
PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Lozanovski, Jackson, Parton, Tasevski (McAleer HT), Najdovski (Cuculovski 70), Trajceviski, Trajanovski, Markovski, Zinni

Melbourne CSC 1 - Wollongong City 0

Venue: Somers Street **Crowd:** 2461

Scorers: De Amicis 15 (M)

Bookings: Horvat, Biskic and Jackson (M); Boniteg (W)

Referee: C.Diomos

MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis, Horvat, Selemides, Jackson, Bonk (Hannah 67), Silic (Buljebasic 85), Biskic, Coveny, Pondeljask, De Amicis

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, Yankos, O'Shea, Bourke, Bard (Dee HT), Horsley, Boniteg (Foreshaw 85), Freestone, White, Lloyd

Heidelberg United 0 - West Adelaide 3

Venue: Olympic Village **Crowd:** 3566

Scorers: Brazzale 76, Palatsides OG 83 and Iriate 86 (WA)

Bookings: Stubbins and Slifkas (H)

Referee: E.Brazzale

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Bratten, Bordignon, Hodgson (Kuzman 77), Palatsides, Clarkson, Stubbins, Slifkas, Hunter, Goutzioulis, MacNicol
WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Keramides, Mills, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Brazzale (Briscoe 80), Giminez (Canosa 89), Ricoy, Iriate, Brown

Parramatta Eagles 1 - South Melbourne 0

Venue: Melita Stadium **Crowd:** 3471

Scorers: Gomez 79 (PE)

Bookings: Reda (PE); Durakovic, Hasler and Boutsianis (SM)

Send-offs: Hasler 21 (SM)

Referee: G.Dunster

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Falzon, Cianter, Gomez, Wheatley, Genc, Reda, Foster (Lowe HT), O'Donnell, G.Gunning, Mendez (Josevski 87).

STH MELBOURNE: Maclaren, Muscat, Wright, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Hasler (sent off 21), Tsolakis, Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe

Adelaide City 0 - Sydney CSC 1

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium **Crowd:** 3558

Scorers: Krslovic pen. 83 (S)

Bookings: Lamond (S)

Referee: J.Santa Isabel

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Grbevski, Tobin, Ivanovic, Obradovic (Maxwell 69), Mullen, Melta, Mori (R.Aloisi 72), Csoboth, Veart
SYDNEY: Kalac, Kupresak, Popovic, Petkovic (Zec 89), Milicevic (Caleta 64), Rumora, Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic, Hristodoulou, Gibson

ROUND 8

Wollongong City 3 - Brisbane United 0

Venue: Brandon Park **Crowd:** 2134

Scorers: Smith 52, Bard 88 and Lloyd 89 (W)

Bookings: Stipancic and Cahut (B)

Send-offs: Battiston 60 (B)

Referee: G.Dunster

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, Yankos, O'Shea, Bourke, Lloyd, Horsley, McFadden, Freestone (Bard 75), White, Smith
BRISBANE: Runje, Gwynne, Cahut (Read 82), Grodum, Battiston (sent off 60), Bullock, S.Cranney, T.Cranney, Halligan, Stipancic, Koch

Newcastle BHP 0 - Morwell Falcons 0

Venue: Mitre 10 Stadium **Crowd:** 3280

Bookings: Polak and Stewart (N)

Referee: N.Xanthos

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Meredith (Roberts 52), Stewart, Koczka, Moffit, Polak, Naumov, Brown, Spink, Koch (Sprod 90)

MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Geri, Thorpe (Harris 85), Della Rocca, Pender, Cassar, Becvinovski, Wright, Waddell, McMullen

Marconi Fairfield 1 - Sydney Olympic 0

Venue: Marconi Stadium **Crowd:** 4863

Scorers: McCulloch 37 (M)

Bookings: Tsekenis (SO)

Referee: E.Brazzale

MARCONI: Schwarzer, de Marigny, Gray, Jolevski, Bingley, Pelucchi, Johnson (Kuleski 86), McCulloch, Taliadoros (van Egmond 77), Harper, Corica

OLYMPIC: Gosling, Bernal, Augerinos, Spyridakos, Barrett, Ironside, Tsekenis, Milosevic (Katholos 62), Seal, Cardozo, Phillips (Kalogeracos 72)

Preston 2 - Parramatta Eagles 0

Venue: Connor Reserve **Crowd:** 2978

Scorers: Najdoski 43 and Markovski 57 (P)

Bookings: Markovski and Najdovski (P)

Referee: M.Browning

PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Stojevski, Lozanovski, McAleer, Parton, Avramovski, Najdovski (Cuculovski 65), Trajceviski, Markovski, Zinni

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Souris, O'Donnell, Falzon, Gomez, Wheatley, Genc, Mendez, Foster, G.Gunning, Lowe (Cianter 61)

South Melbourne 2 - Adelaide City 1

Venue: Middle Park **Crowd:** 6685

Scorers: Awaritefe 57 and Boutsianis 84 (SM); Maxwell 51 (A)

Bookings: Muscat and Wright (SM); Tobin and Talladira (A)

Referee: P.Spieris

STH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Muscat, Wright, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Tsolakis (Healy 90), Tasios, Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe (Verikakis 75)

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Brooks, Tobin, Ivanovic, Mullen, Melta, Mori, Veart, Maxwell, R.Aloisi (Talladira 42)

Sydney CSC 0 - Heidelberg United 0

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre **Crowd:** 3150

Bookings: Rumora, Krslovic and Petkovic (S); Bratten (H)

Referee: B.Power

SYDNEY: Kalac, Kupresak, Popovic, Babic, Petkovic (Caleta HT - replaced by Zec 84), Rumora, Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic, Hristodoulou, Gibson

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Bratten, Bordignon, Scott, Palatsides, Kuzman (Tiktakis HT), Clarkson (Georgiadis 89), Gjnidic, Hunter, Goutzioulis, MacNicol

West Adelaide 2 - Melbourne CSC 1

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium **Crowd:** 3865

Scorers: Iriate 22 and Brown 87 (WA); Pondeljask 79 (M)

Bookings: Silic (M)

Send-offs: Ricoy 86 (WA); Silic 85 and Biskic 86 (M)

WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Blair, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Iriate (Perucho 87), Ricoy (sent off 86), Brazzale (Keramidas 63), Brown, Briscoe, Canosa

MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis, Horvat, Selemides, Jackson (Buljebasic 78), Bonk (Kelic 58), Silic (sent off 85), Biskic (sent off 86), Coveny, Pondeljask, De Amicis

ROUND NINE

Date: 28/11/92

Brisbane United 3 - West Adelaide 5

Venue: Perry Park

Scorers: Cooper 4, Koch 8 and T.Cranney (B);

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Brown 10, 67, Blair 20, 45 and Brazzale 80 (WA)

Bookings: Bullock (B); Iriate (WA)

Referee: P.Hulme

Crowd: 2129

BRISBANE: Runje, Bullock, Gwynne, Cahut, Grodum, S.Cranney, Cooper, T.Cranney, Halligan (Pimblett HT), Greer (Stipancic 66), Koch

WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Blair, Lazaridis, Slager (Canosa HT), Hooker, Mills, Cerro (Briscoe 81), Iriate, Brazzale, Gimenez, Brown

Date: 28/11/92

Marconi Fairfield 2 - Morwell Falcons 0

Venue: Marconi Stadium

Scorers: Taliadoros 24 and 81 (M)

Bookings: Gray (M); Markovski, Pender, Wright and McMullen (MF)

Referee: P.Spier

Crowd: 2612

MARCONI: Schwarzer, de Marigny, Gray, Jolevski (Kuleski 82), Bingley, Pelucchi, McCulloch, Taliadoros, Harper, Corica, Johnson (van Egmond 4)

MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Tombolato, Thorpe, Della Rocca, Pender, Cassar (Black 73), Becvinovski, Wright, Waddell, McMullen

Date: 29/11/92

Sydney Olympic 2 - Wollongong City 1

Venue: St George Stadium

Scorers: Seal 9 and 34 (SO); Yankos 47 (W)

Bookings: Augerinos and Bernal (SO); Boniteg and Smith (W)

Referee: N.Asargiotis

Crowd: 2912

OLYMPIC: Gosling, Bernal, Hickman, Augerinos, Barrett, Ironside, Tsekenis, Phillips, Milosevic, Seal, Arambasic (Cardozo 90)

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, Yankos, O'Shea, Bourke (Boniteg HT), Lloyd, Horsley, McFadden, Freestone, White, Smith

Date: 29/11/92

Melbourne CSC 1 - Sydney CSC 3

Venue: Somers Street

Scorers: Kelic 54 (M); Hristodoulou 46, Gibson (84) and Lamond 90 (S)

Bookings: Pondeljak (M); Stanton and Kupresak (S)

Referee: T.McRoe

Crowd: 2701

MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis, Horvat (Buljebasic 55), Selemides (Cervinski 88), Jackson, Bonk, Marth, Kelic, Coveny, Pondeljak, De Amicis

SYDNEY: Franken, Kupresak, Milicevic, Popovic, Babic, Stanton, Petkovic, Lamond, Krslovic (Zec 62), Hristodoulou, Gibson, Petkovic (Caleta 74)

Date: 29/11/92

Heidelberg United 0 - South Melbourne 2

Venue: Olympic Village

Scorers: Blair 9 and 25 (SM)

Bookings: Goutzioulis (H); Wade (SM)

Referee: D.Mortimer

Crowd: 12243

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Bratten, Bordignon, Hodgson, Palatsides, Clarkson (Dick 75), Stubbins, Gjinidic, Hunter, Goutzioulis (Slifkas HT), MacNicol

STH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Muscat, Healy, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Tsolakis (Healy 90), Tasios, Trimboli, Boutsianis (Petersen 69), Awaritefe

Date: 29/11/92

Parramatta Eagles 1 - Newcastle BHP 0

Venue: Melita Stadium

Scorers: Genc 5 (PE)

Bookings: Mendez (PE); Moffit and Stewart (N)

Referee: D.Voutsinas

Crowd: 2324

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Souris, O'Donnell, Gomez, Wheatley, Genc, Reda, Mendez, Soper, G.Gunning (Falzon 42), Lowe (Cianter 33)

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Naumov, Stewart, Koczka, Moffit, Sprod, Maloney, Brown, Halpin (Roberts 61), Meredith

Date: 29/11/92

Adelaide City 2 - Preston 1

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Scorers: Mori 27 and Veart 59 (A); Najdoski 57 (P)

Bookings: Mullen and Obradovic (A); Trajceviski, Markovski and Stojceviski (P)

Referee: J.Pananicolas

Crowd: 3466

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Brooks, Tobin, Ivanovic, Mullen, Melta (Talladira 15), Mori, Veart, Maxwell, Obradovic (Csoboth 74)

PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Stojceviski, Lozanovski, McAleer, Parton, Avramovski (Jackson HT), Najdoski, Trajceviski, Markovski, Zinni (Cuculevski 74)

ROUND TEN

Date: 4/12/92

Wollongong City 2 - Marconi Fairfield 1

Venue: Brandon Park

Scorers: Yankos 14 and Bard 89 (W);

Bingley 4 (M)

Bookings: Yankos, Horsley, McFadden and O'Shea (W); Calderan, de Marigny (M)

Referee: R.Lorenc

Crowd: 1684

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, Yankos, O'Shea, Bourke, Horsley, McFadden, Boniteg, Freestone (Lloyd 71), White (Bard 71), Smith
MARCONI: Schwarzer, van Egmond, de Marigny, Bingley, Gray, Calderan, Jolevski, McCulloch, Taliadoros, Harper (Kulevski 77), Corica

Date: 5/12/92

Morwell Falcons 2 - Parramatta Eagles 3

Venue: Crinigen Reserve

Scorers: Wright pen.60 and McMullen 81 (MF); Reda 8, Gomez 76 and Soper pen. 86 (PE)

Bookings: Black and Mautone (MF); Mendez and O'Donnell (PE)

Referee: N. Zachariadis

Crowd: 1801

MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Thorpe (Donnelly 23), Geri (Gee 74), Black, Cassar, Becvinovski, Wright, Waddell, McMullen

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Souris, O'Donnell, Gomez, Wheatley, Reda, Mendez (Cianter 61), Genc, Soper, G.Gunning, Falzon (Adioski HT)

Date: 6/12/92

Newcastle BHP 1 - Adelaide City 2

Venue: Mitre 10 Stadium

Scorers: Spink 70 (N); Mullen 24 and Mori 78 (A)

Referee: M.Loupis

Crowd: 2880

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Meredith, Roberts, Koczka, Polak, Sprod, Maloney, Brown (Naumov 41), Spink, Koch

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Brooks,

Tobin, Ivanovic, Talladira, Mullen, Mori, Veart (Obradovic 55), Maxwell, Csoboth (Barbaro 87)

Date: 6/12/92

Preston 2 - Heidelberg United 2

Venue: Connor Reserve

Scorers: Najdoski 13 and 36 (P); Gjinidic 30 and Palatsides pen. 75 (H)

Bookings: Parton and Jackson (P); Hodgson, Bratten, Slifkas and Gjinidic (H)

Referee: J.Fraser

Crowd: 3786

PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Trajanovski, Jackson, Parton, Bizimovski, Trajceviski, Avramovski, Najdoski, Markovski, Cuculevski

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Bratten, Bordignon, Hodgson, Palatsides, Clarkson, Stubbins, Gjinidic, Hunter, Slifkas, MacNicol

Date: 6/12/92

South Melbourne 1 - Melbourne CSC 1

Venue: Middle Park

Scorers: Trimboli 44 (SM); Pondeljak 76 (M)

Bookings: Healy and Tsolakis (SM); Horvat (M)

Red cards: Durakovic 92 (SM)

Referee: E.Brazzale

Crowd: 4599

STH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Wright, Healy, Durakovic (sent off 92), Blair, Wade, Tsolakis (Petersen 86), Tasios, Trimboli, Boutsianis (Hasler 86), Awaritefe
MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis (Kelic 51), Horvat, Selemides, Talajic, Bonk (Jackson 90), Marth, Biskic, Coveny, Pondeljak, De Amicis

Date: 6/12/92

Sydney CSC 3 - Brisbane United 0

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre

Scorers: Kupresak 35, Gibson 79 and Krslovic 88 (S)

Bookings: Stipancic (B)

Referee: J.Rutter

Crowd: 2128

SYDNEY: Franken, Kupresak, Milicevic, Popovic, Rumora, Stanton, Lamond (Zec 61), Krslovic, Hristodoulou, Gibson, Petkovic (Caleta 73)

BRISBANE: Runje, Bullock, Gwynne, Reid (Ditto 53), Grodum, T.Cranney, Brown, Battiston (Stipancic 65), Cooper, Halligan, Koch

Date: 6/12/92

West Adelaide 2 - Sydney Olympic 1

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Scorers: Iriate 22 and Gimenez 76 (WA);

Arambasic 50 (SO)

Bookings: Sorras and Milosevic (SO)

Red cards: Gosling 38 (SO)

Referee: J.Santa Isabel

Crowd: 4151

WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Blair, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Mills (Canosa 17), Cerro (Rico 59), Iriate, Brazzale, Gimenez, Brown

OLYMPIC: Gosling (sent off 38), Bernal, Hickman, Augerinos, Barrett, Ardane (Katholos 80), Ironside, Phillips, Milosevic, Arambasic (Cardozo 80), Sorras.

ROUND ELEVEN

Date: 12/12/92

Brisbane United 0 - South Melbourne 2

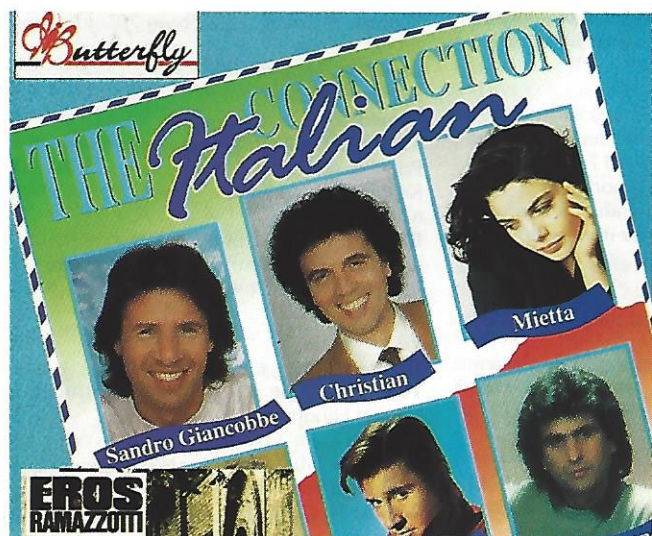
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Scorers: Awaritefe 2 and Boutsianis 86 (SM)

Bookings: Greer (B); Hasler (SM)

Referee: G.Brownlie **Crowd:** 2008

BRISBANE: Farrow, Bullock, Gwynne, Cahut, Greer, T.Cranney, Jefford (Brown 60), Battiston (Ditton 76), Cooper, Halligan, Koch

STH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Wright, Healy, Blair, Wade, Tsolakis, Tasios, Petersen, Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe (Hasler 70)

Date: 12/12/92

Marconi Fairfield 4 - Parramatta Eagles 1

Venue: Marconi Stadium

Scorers: Taliadoros 76 and 86, Iocca 64 and Harper 81 (M); Mendez 83 (PE)

Bookings: de Marigny (M)

Referee: J.Fraser **Crowd:** 4606

MARCONI: Schwarzer, de Marigny, Bingley, Gray, Harper, Jolevski, Kulevski, McCulloch, Taliadoros, Iocca (van Egmond 85), Corica

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Souris, O'Donnell, Gomez, Wheatley, Cianter, Reda (Mendez 54), Genc, Soper, G.Gunning, Lowe (Adioski HT)

Date: 12/12/92

Adelaide City 1 - Morwell Falcons 1

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Scorers: Mori 56 (A); Shillabeer own goal 28 (MF)

Bookings: Tobin (A); Mautone and Gee (MF)

Referee: Z.Mnich **Crowd:** 2029

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Tobin, Ivanovic, Talladira, Mullen, Mori, Veart, Maxwell, Brooks, Grbevski

MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Donnelly (Geri 85), Tombolato, Pender, Gee, Becvinovski (Black 81), Wright, Waddell, McMullen

Date: 13/12/92

Sydney Olympic 3 - Sydney CSC 1

Venue: St George Stadium

Scorers: Arambasic 17, Ardone 72 and Ironside 81 (SO); Zec 68 (S)

Bookings: Popovic and Rumora (S)

Referee: G.Dunster **Crowd:** 4674

OLYMPIC: Meier, Bernal, Sorras, Spyridakos, Barrett, Lee, Phillips, Milosevic, Cardozo (Ardone 66), Ironside, Arambasic (Hickman 83)

SYDNEY: Franken, Kupresak, Milicevic (Zec 53), Popovic, Rumora, Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic, Hristodoulou, Gibson, Petkovic (Caleta 75)

Date: 13/12/92

Melbourne CSC 3 - Preston 1

Venue: Somers Street

Scorers: Kelic 51, 81 and 84 (M); Markovski 79 (P)

Bookings: McAleer and Markovski (P)

Referee: D.Voutsinas **Crowd:** 3747

MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis (Jackson 89), Horvat, De Amicis, Talajic, Bonk (Silic 76), Marth, Biskic, Coveny, Pondeljak, Kelic

PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Trajanovski, Tacevski, McAleer, Bizimovski (Stojevski 19 - replaced by Lazarevski 59), Trajceviski, Avramovski, Najdovski, Markovski, Cuculevski

Date: 13/12/92

Heidelberg United 1 - Newcastle BHP 1

Venue: Olympic Village

Scorers: Hunter 51 (H); Maloney 81 (N)

Referee: T.McRoe **Crowd:** 2450

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Scott, Bordignon, Hodgson, Palatsides, Clarkson, Stubbins, Gjnidic, Hunter, Slifkas, Dick (MacNicol 73)

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Roberts (Meredith 65), Stewart, Koczka, Moffit, Sprod, Polak, Koch (Naumov 73), Spink, Maloney

Date: 13/12/92

West Adelaide 2 - Wollongong City 3

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Scorers: Lazaridis 50 and Blair 57 (WA); White 5, Smith 56 and Hearn own goal 86 (W)

Bookings: Lazaridis, Blair and Iriate (WA); O'Shea, Bourke, Freestone, Bard and Smith (W)

Referee: P.Spiers **Crowd:** 3568

WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Blair, Lazaridis (Pullen 80), Keramidis, Slager, Heirn, Cerro (Ricoy 70), Iriate, Brazzale, Giminez, Brown

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, Yankos, O'Shea, Bourke, Horsley, McFadden, Boniteg (Lloyd 71), Freestone (Bard 84), White, Smith

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ROUND 5

Newcastle BHP 0 - South Melbourne 2

Venue: Mitre 10 Stadium **Crowd:** 3891
Scorers: Awaritefe 1 and Boutsianis 14 (SM)
Bookings: Moffit and Stewart (N); Hasler and Wright (SM)
Referee: R.Lorenc
NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Roberts (Naumov HT), Stewart, Koczka, Moffit, Sprod, Polak, Brown, Spink, Meredith
STH MELBOURNE: Maclaren, Muscat, Wright, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Hasler, Petersen, Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe

Marconi Fairfield 2 - Preston 1

Venue: Marconi Stadium **Crowd:** 3154
Scorers: Harper pen.58 and McCulloch 67 (M); Jackson pen.72 (P)
Bookings: Jolevski and Pelucchi (M); Jackson, Petrov, Parton and Lozanovski (P)
Referee: N.Asargiotis
MARCONI: Pezzano, van Egmond, de Marigny, Jolevski, Bingley, Kuleski, Pelucchi, McCulloch, Harper (Johnson 59), Taliadoros, Corica (Gray 74)
PRESTON: Traianedes, Petrov, Stojevski, Jackson, Parton, Tasevski, Trajceviski, Avramovski (Lozanovski 49), Trajanovski (Najdovski 63), Markovski, Zinni

Morwell Falcons 2 - Sydney CSC 0

Venue: Crinigen Road Reserve **Crowd:** 2940
Scorers: Wright 62 and 83 (MF)
Bookings: Black (MF); Rumora (S)
Referee: Z.Mnich
MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Thorpe, Della Rocca, Pender, Black, Becvinovski, Wright, Waddell, Cassar
SYDNEY: Kalac, Kupresak, Babic (Petkovic 80), Milicevic, Rumora, Stanton, Lamond (Milicic 66), Krslovic, Hristodoulou, Gibson, Zec

Melbourne CSC 3 - Brisbane United 1

Venue: Somers Street **Crowd:** 2241
Scorers: Pondeljak 77, 90 and Bonk 59 (M); Brown 50 (B)
Bookings: Cahut (B)
Referee: J.Rutter
MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis, Horvat, Selemides, Jackson (Buljebasic 75), Bonk, Silic, Biskic, Coveny, Pondeljak, De Amicis
BRISBANE: Runje, Bullock, Grodum, Gwynne, Greer (Ditton 67), Halligan, Cahut, Cranney (Batistin 72), Hunter, Slater, Brown

Heidelberg United 2 - Sydney Olympic 2

Venue: Olympic Village **Crowd:** 3506
Scorers: Palatsides pen. 61 and pen. 81 (H); Bernal 74 and Cardozo 76 (SO)
Bookings: Olver and Scott (H); Tsekenis, Ironside and Bernal (SO)
Send-offs: Bernal 86 (SO)
Referee: T.McRoe
HEIDELBERG: Olver, Bratten, Bordignon, Scott, Palatsides, Clarkson, Stubbins (Dick HT), Slifkas, Hunter, Goutzioulis, MacNicol
OLYMPIC: Meier, Lee, Augerinos, Bernal (sent off 86), Barrett, Ironside, Tsekenis, Ironside, Milosevic, Seal, Katholos (Phillips 69), Poimer (Cardozo 60)

Parramatta Eagles 2 - West Adelaide 2

Venue: Melita Stadium **Crowd:** 3120

Scorers: Soper pen.13 and Reda 89 (PE); Brown 36 and Iriate 40 (WA)

Bookings: Falzon (PE); Lazaridis, Brazzale, Keramidis, Brown and Giminez (WA)

Referee: P.Hume

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Cianter, Orlic (Adioski HT), Gomez, Wheatley, Reda, Falzon, Foster, Soper, G.Gunning, Lowe (Mendez 52).

WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Keramidis, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Mills, Iriate (Tsekinis 78), Blair, Brazzale, Giminez, Brown

Adelaide City 0 - Wollongong City 0

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium **Crowd:** 3490
Bookings: Tobin and Aloisi (A); Yankos, White and O'Shea (W)

Referee: N.Zachariadis

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Grbevski, Tobin, Ivanovic, Mullen, Melta, Mori, Veart, Obradovic, R.Aloisi (Csoboth 63)

WOLLONGONG: Filan, Green Yankos, O'Shea, Bourke, McFadden, Horsley, Smith, Boniteg (Forshaw 87), White, Patalis (Bard 60)

ROUND 6

Wollongong City 2 - Heidelberg United 0

Venue: Brandon Park **Crowd:** 2085
Scorers: Yankos pen. 27 and White 60 (W)
Bookings: Smith and Bourke (W); Bratten (H)

Referee: P.Spieri

WOLLONGONG: Filan, Green, Yankos, O'Shea, Bourke, McFadden, Horsley, Smith, Boniteg, Freestone (Bard 78), White, Patalis

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Bratten, Hodgson, Scott (Tiktikakis 72), Palatsides, Clarkson, Georgiadis, Slifkas, Hunter (Sindrivanis 83), Goutzioulis, MacNicol

Brisbane United 2 - Marconi Fairfield 1

Venue: Perry Park **Crowd:** 2693
Scorers: Slater 30 and Cranney 44 (B); Harper 48 (M)

Bookings: Cahut and T.Cranney (B); Gray and van Egmond (M)

Referee: G.Brownlie

BRISBANE: Runje, Bullock, Gwynne, Cahut (Koch 75), Jefford, S.Cranney, T.Cranney, Halligan, Hunter, Slater, Brown

MARCONI: Pezzano, van Egmond, de Marigny, Jolevski, Bingley, Kuleski, Pelucchi, McCulloch (Corica 73), Harper, Taliadoros, Gray

Sydney CSC 2 - Parramatta Eagles 1

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre **Crowd:** 4275
Scorers: Gibson 21 and Krslovic pen. 60 (S); Foster 84 (PE)

Bookings: Kupresak, Popovic and Rumora (S); Foster (PE)

Send-offs: Soper 41 (PE)

Referee: R.Davies

SYDNEY: Kalac, Kupresak, Popovic, Petkovic (Zec 76), Milicevic, Rumora, Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic, Hristodoulou, Gibson

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Cianter, Gomez, Wheatley, Souris, Genc, Reda, Foster (Lowe 87), Soper, G.Gunning, Mendez (Adioski 58).

Preston 0 - Newcastle BHP 0

Venue: Connor Reserve **Crowd:** 2968
Bookings: Parton and Jackson (P); Meredith (N)
Referee: C.Graser
PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, Lozanovski,

Jackson, Parton, Tasevski, Najdovski (McAleer 88), Trajceviski, Trajanovski, Markovski, Zinni
NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Koch (Roberts 75), Stewart, Koczka, Moffit, Polak, Naumov, Brown, Spink, Meredith

South Melbourne 2 - Morwell Falcons 0

Venue: Middle Park **Crowd:** 4819
Scorers: Trimboli 16 and Awaritefe 20 (SM)
Bookings: Muscat (SM); Harris, Becvinovski, Cassar (MF)
Referee: D.Voutsinas
STH MELBOURNE: Maclaren, Muscat, Wright, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Hasler, Petersen, Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe
MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Thorpe, Della Rocca, Pender, Black (McMullen HT), Becvinovski, Wright, Waddell, Cassar

Sydney Olympic 0 - Melbourne CSC 2

Venue: St George Stadium **Crowd:** 3901
Scorers: Pondeljak 1 and 26 (M)
Referee: B.Power
OLYMPIC: Meier, Lee, Augerinos, Spyridakos, Barrett, Ironside (Phillips 82), Tsekenis, Milosevic, Seal, Katholos (Ardone 67), Cardozo
MELBOURNE: Miller, Vanis, Horvat, Selemides, Jackson, Bonk, Silic, Biskic (Buljebasic 80), Coveny, Pondeljak, De Amicis

West Adelaide 0 - Adelaide City 1

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium **Crowd:** 9900
Scorers: Veart 65 (A)
Bookings: Blair (WA); Grbevski and Melta (A)
Referee: J.Fraser
WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Mills, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Blair, Brazzale (Briscoe 80), Giminez, Ricoy, Iriate, Brown
ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Grbevski, Tobin, Ivanovic, Mullen, Melta, Mori, Csoboth (R.Aloisi 86), Veart, Obradovic (Maxwell HT)

ROUND 7

Brisbane United 1 - Sydney Olympic 2

Venue: Perry Park **Crowd:** 2792
Scorers: Hunter 84 (B); Cardozo 13 and Seal 21 (SO)
Bookings: Spyridakos, Augerinos and Seal (SO)
Referee: P.Spieri
BRISBANE: Runje, Bullock, Gwynne, Koch, Jefford, S.Cranney (Cooper 67), T.Cranney, Halligan, Hunter, Slater, Brown (Greer 54)
OLYMPIC: Gosling, Lee (Katholos 18 - replaced by Ardone 83), Augerinos, Spyridakos, Barrett, Ironside, Tsekenis, Phillips, Milosevic, Seal, Cardozo

Marconi Fairfield 1 - Newcastle BHP 0

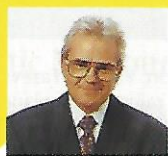
Venue: Marconi Stadium **Crowd:** 2657
Scorers: Harper 55 (M)
Bookings: Moffit (N)
Referee: M.Loupis
MARCONI: Schwarzer, van Egmond, de Marigny, Gray, Jolevski, Bingley, Pelucchi, McCulloch, Harper (Calderan 88), Taliadoros (Corica HT), Johnson
NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Koch, Roberts, Stewart, Koczka, Moffit, Polak, Naumov, Brown, Spink

Morwell Falcons 0 - Preston 0

Venue: Crinigan Road Reserve **Crowd:** 3499
Bookings: Wright, Tombolato and Pender (MF);

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HIGH PRICE OF

ONCE the winning bid for the city to host the Olympics Games in the year 2000 is known, next September, television networks the world over will enter the big scramble to gain the rights to telecast the Games.



How I pity them. How amusing, this billion dollar warfare as the International Olympic Committee, like a second class merchant in a sleazy bazaar, sells off the broadcasting of such an eminent event to merely the highest bidder. I am, in this case, proud to be a soccer man. Proud that my game is run by a body like FIFA and

not a swill of avarice like the IOC. Because the World Cup, such a grand event and in terms of the size of its market, so much bigger than the Olympic Games, is not flogged off in quite the same way. If that were the case, FIFA would be the richest organisation in the world. Which it's not. Even UEFA, I am told, is richer.

Let me explain the differences. The Olympics, as I have said, is simply Dutch auctioned in each country, spiralling up the price as rival local networks place their bids. The Seven Network in Australia paid over \$40 million for Barcelona. Even the ABC, which can rarely bring itself to compete against the commercials, bid over \$20 million.

ABC in the United States won Barcelona by stashing out over \$200 million. And then sent over 3,000 - yes, 3,000 - personnel to cover it. But the Olympics are more the exception

Socceroos get a break in Cup



• Sepp Blatter

OUR World Cup path is to be made easier, as revealed by Sepp Blatter on his visit to Sydney last month.

It has finally happened: after a dozen years of frustration (three World Cup campaigns), through which the Socceroos had to do Marco Polo type voyages and meet tough, first world nations to make it into the elite, we are told the more direct route through Asia is the most likely scenario. The task would be simply to win Oceania and then be at least third best in Asia and we'd be in. Given that a full strength, well-prepared Aussie side rarely loses to any Asian team, it should be a cinch. And as we celebrate, let's not forget whom

we have to thank for it. No, not administrators, not constantly complaining journalists, not even FIFA. We can thank our players, more specifically the players of our recent Under 17, Under 20 and Olympic teams and their coaches. Blatter makes it clear that the re-think from FIFA is due entirely to the achievements of those three teams in recent world championships.

So Okon, Bosnich, Seal, Zelic, Blagojevic, Vidmar, Markovski, Agostino, Carbone, Kiratzoglou and the rest of you, and your coaches - Thompson, Scheinflug, Blanco, Fernandez. Thank you. And the senior Coca-Cola Socceroos thank you as well.

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THE WORLD GAME

THE GAMES

than the rule in how big events are farmed out to television. Many events go not to networks that pay the most but the ones that will pledge to do the greatest justice to the event in the manner of their coverage. The Tour de France is still the property of SBS in Australia for that reason.

The football World Cup, as allocated by FIFA, is a different story again.

What FIFA is on about is not making the most money but ensuring that it is seen as wide afield and by as many people as possible. What FIFA does is allocate the World Cup rights, region by region, to each of the World's continental broadcasting unions. These unions are loose organisations of television networks, often more than one per country. In our case it's the Asian Broadcasting Union (ABU) which encompasses all countries in Asia and the Pacific, such as Australia and New Zealand.

Both SBS and the ABC are members. The other Australian networks are not, which bluntly means they are not in the running to gain World Cup rights.

FIFA allocates the rights to the ABU for a set, non-negotiable fee, a lump sum which is then divided among the member nations on a proportional basis depending on the number of television sets in each nation. Thus Bangladesh's share will be lower than Australia's but

Japan's will be higher than most. It is this set figure, not negotiable, which SBS paid for the rights of Italia 90. And while I am not at liberty to discuss the actual fee, I can say that it was a pittance compared to the astronomical sums paid for the Olympics.

So FIFA, in relative terms, makes a pittance on World Cup television rights compared to what is made on the Olympics.

And, as we soccer fans know, the end product in Olympic coverage hardly mirrors the amount paid for it. One network with only its own volume of air time to play with is simply not enough to cover an Olympic Games and do proper justice to all sports.

Personally I cannot criticise the Seven Network for its treatment of soccer in Barcelona. They, after all, had to cover many other sports and in the wide array of attractive Olympic events needing to be covered, no network can dedicate 90 minute lumps to just one sport.

Happily, there are rumors that this may change. The 1996 Atlanta Games may be sliced up rather than allocated to just one Australian network. That means a number of networks would be given the rights, each with responsibilities for a number of sports. Soccer, if that comes about, is sure to get a big-ger guernsey.

Sudden death . . . how it works

LET'S clarify the "sudden death" rule being implemented in the 1993 FIFA Coca-Cola Cup to replace penalty shootouts, because there is some confusion.

The rule is "sudden death" not "play to the death". In other words: if teams are level after the regulation 90 minutes, the game will go into the normal 30 minutes extra time.

Should a goal be scored in that extra time the game will stop and the team scoring that goal will win the match.

But if no goals are scored, the game will still be decided by a penalty shootout.

FIFA General Secretary Sepp Blatter is certain the new regulation will work. He points out that the system underwent an experiment at the European Youth championship.

Turkey played Germany in the final, scored a goal in extra time at which point the game was called to a halt and the Turks won the tournament.

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TOM ANDERSON, Editor of 'Australian and British Soccer Weekly', has covered it all over the past two decades. From the heady heights of World Cup finals to the domestic scene both here and in his native UK, out-spoken Anderson knows about the stories that count. He might ruffle the feathers every now and then, but that's always been his style.

Soccer raises the passions of all sports lovers. And why not. It is the greatest game in the world.

One of the biggest problems with the game in this country is, of course, money - or to be more precise - the lack of it! And this is something that no amount of hype or enthusiasm can overcome.

Although soccer at present has a wonderful sponsor in the Coca-Cola System, the scene also needs a few fairy godfathers with bottomless buckets of cash to throw around. Sadly, such men are as scarce as hens' teeth.

Despite the lack of money, our dedicated coaches are doing a marvellous job and the amount of young talent is amazing. Indeed, when it comes to the real heroes in Australian soccer, one cannot go past the coaching fraternity.

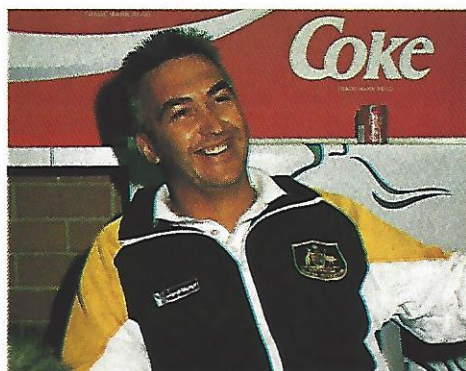
And it is to be hoped that national coach Eddie Thomson can climb the mountain and walk into the "Promised Land" - the World Cup finals in the USA in 1994 - with the Coca-Cola Socceroos. For really, this is the ultimate.

The Olympics, the World Youth Championships or any other competition you care to name, are not as important by comparison. And because of the importance of the World Cup, I would like to see a radical change in the coaching set-up within the ASF.

This change must be introduced to prepare for the 1998 World Cup. What I advocate is that the ASF appoints a "World Cup Coach" solely in charge of the senior national team, its preparation and well-being and nothing else. This coach would be the World Cup

Wanted:

WORLD CUP SUPREMO



• Eddie Thomson . . . steering Australia on a difficult course to USA '94.

supremo and all his efforts would be channelled into getting the Coca-Cola Socceroos into top gear.

The other appointment the ASF should make is a "National Coach". This person would look after the other teams in the stable - the Coca-Cola Olyroos, the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos etc ... He would also have to undertake the other time-wasting, mundane functions at present piled upon our national coach. I also advocate that the World Cup coach and senior set-up be run as a

separate operation, including funding, within the ASF. In my opinion this is not impossible and highly logical - that is of course if the ASF officials really want World Cup success. Indeed, I would go so far as to nominate a man to head such a World Cup organisation.

He is former national team manager Andrew Lederer. If anyone can get sponsorship and head a successful World Cup organisation, it is this man. Not only has he a wonderful knowledge of the game - an insight of what is needed at international level - but he also has the connections to attract wealthy investors.

The 24 teams that qualify for USA '94 will each receive in the vicinity of \$2 million, for just getting there! On the financial side alone, it will be a tragedy if Australia fails. Let's hope and pray this is not so. But whatever the outcome, now is the time to plan for 1998 and the future. That is, of course, if we are really "Fair Dinkum" in wanting to qualify.



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STEVE DARBY knows soccer. As a coach and player and now in his role with the Australian Soccer Federation as National Development Officer, Darby has a rare insight into the game.

Imagine this Australian team! Franken; Hooker, Bernal, Zelic, De Marigny; Polak, Crino, Hristodoulou, Van Blerk; Farina, Spink. Subs: Murphy, Longo, Edwards and Trimboli.

It would be an exciting side to watch and no doubt rank prominently in the Coca-Cola Soccer League. What the team members all have in common is that they are graduates of the Australian Institute of Sport.

The program at the Canberra-based AIS was given the broad portfolio to identify young players who were good enough to represent Australia at youth level and had the potential to be a full international.

This is not a simple task, as some players chose not to attend the AIS for valid reasons, whether it be personal, family or career. Others such as Milan Blagojevic were offered scholarships but were already established CCSL players.

So not all of our elite young players have come through the AIS. But of the 122 who have passed through the AIS, an incredible 79 have played for a CCSL side. A total of 65 graduates have become Australian youth internationals and 31 have become either Coca-Cola Olyroos or Socceroos.

This is an incredible success rate and is highly favourable compared with the British apprenticeship scheme and other European training schemes. There are two other features to be drawn from the program.

Firstly, the AIS plays a vital role in the development of players from areas where there is no CCSL side. The classic examples are Farina and Corica from Far North Queensland and Clarkson, Reynolds and Longo from Tasmania.

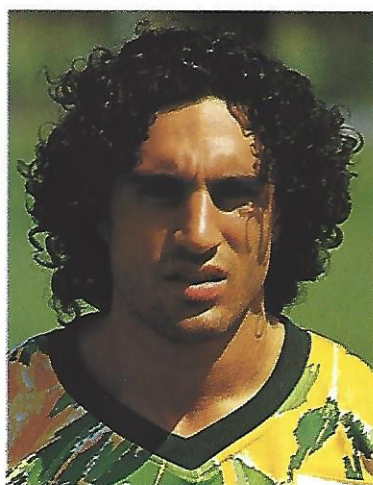
Would they have emerged from their isolated soccer areas without the State Directors of Coaching implementing the ASF National Talent Identification Scheme and encouraging them to spend time at the AIS? Secondly, the AIS looks after players as a "whole".

It often encourages players to initiate academic or professional careers as a back-up to soccer.

Some players have gone into medicine, physiotherapy,

AIS:

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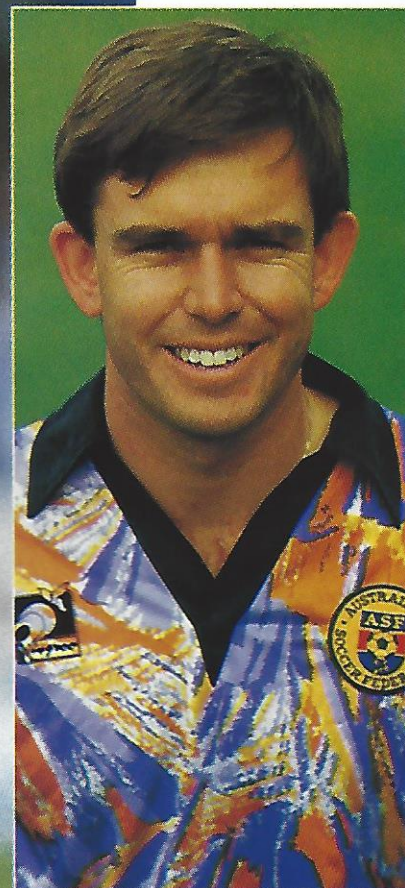
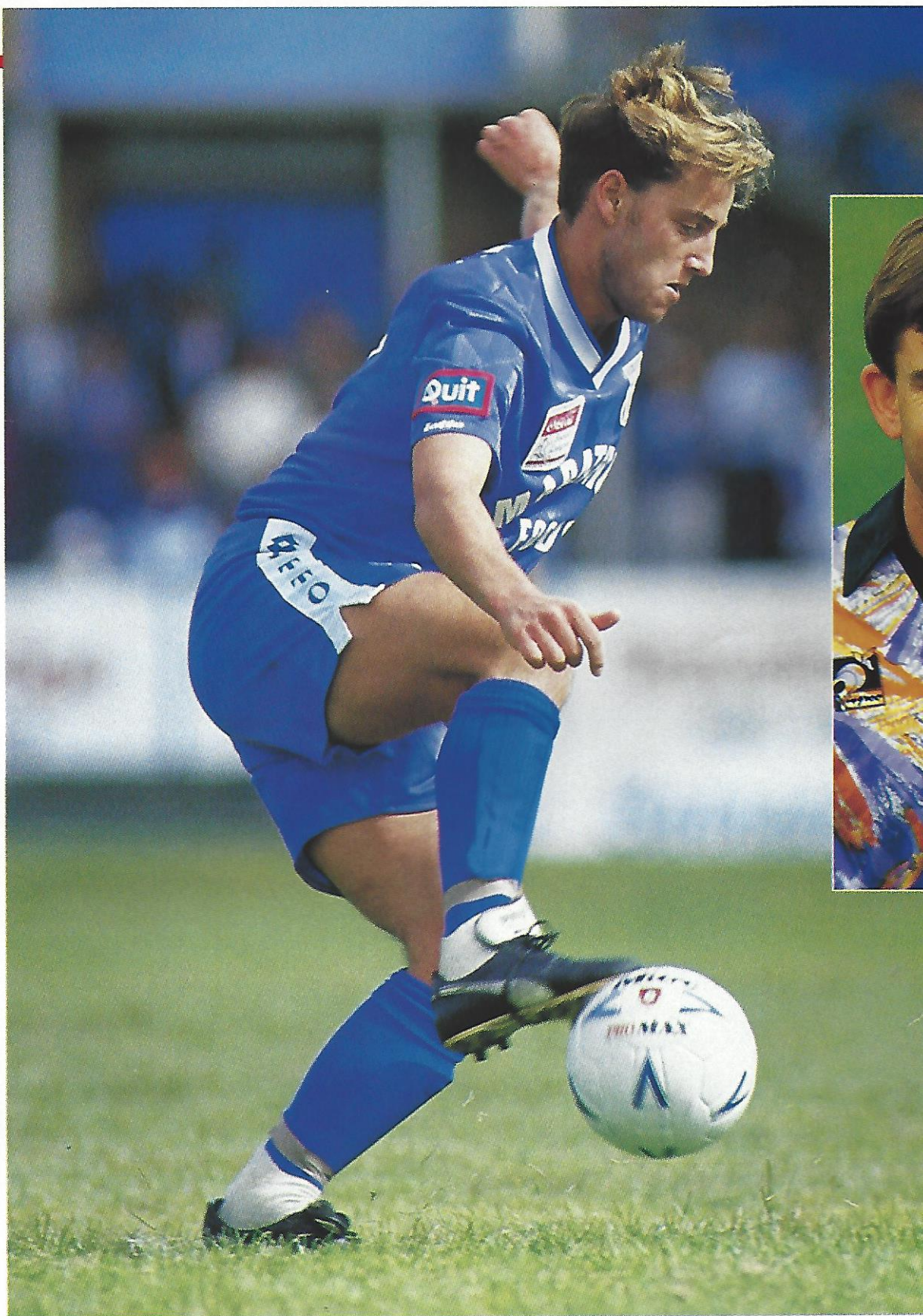
• **Andrew Bernal**

teaching and we even have one "past pupil" on the Australian Olympic Committee. There have been failures. Some players just didn't make it or chose different lifestyles. In fact one is now a monk and another an actor! The program was originally run by Jimmy Shoulder and is now led by Ron Smith.

Other coaches who have worked there include ex-Socceroos Gary Cole and Steve O'Connor, ex-professional Tom Sermanni and Youth international goalkeepers Paul Jones and Tony Franken.

National Director of Coaching Mike Wells feels the AIS represents a concept which many established sporting nations are envious of.

"National team coaches Eddie Thomson, Les Scheinflug and I are committed to ensuring that the expertise, facilities and support programs of the AIS are maximised to the fullest in terms of elite player and coaching development," Wells said.



• **ABOVE: Tony Franken. LEFT: Paul Trimboli . . . on the bench.**

integral part in the overall development of a player," Head Coach Ron Smith said.

"Time spent here is a sound investment in the future. Our main objective is to

Most national team training camps are at the AIS and it is planned to resume elite coaches courses under the joint direction of the ASF and AIS. The program has expanded to include elite coach education with the annual CCSL players Level 2 and Level 3 coaching courses.

The AIS also has the most advanced sports science program in the country to support soccer coaching. "The AIS plays an

improve the players that come to the AIS so that they will represent Australia and play for the leading clubs in the country."

The most common statement by players who attend AIS coaching courses is: "I wish the AIS had been around when I was 16."

Let's hope the AIS is no longer a secret.



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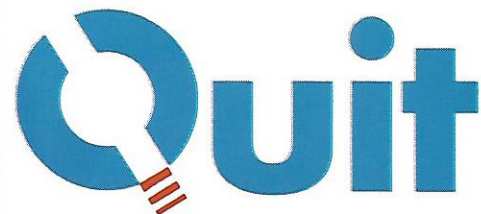


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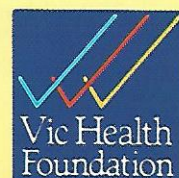
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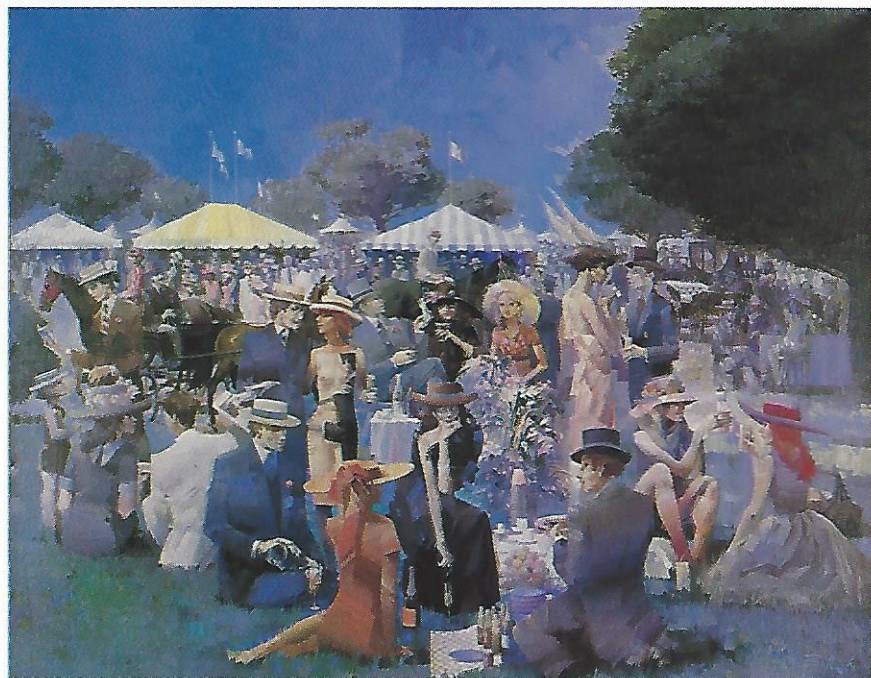
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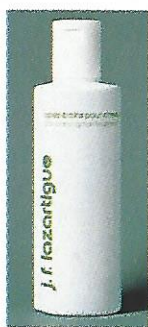
Described as an Australian artist with an international reputation. Charles Billich was recently appointed as official artist to the 1992 Spring Racing Carnival.

In what Charles describes as one of the most challenging commissions of his career, he produced a collection of 16 canvasses which capture the speed, elegance and excitement of the Spring Racing Carnival. The carnival is over for another year, but this magnificent exhibition can be seen at the Billich Gallery, Hyatt on Collins, in Melbourne, between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday, 9.30 am to 8 pm Saturday.

There are limited edition prints of selected paintings which can be bought individually or as a set. And apart from bringing a truly racy touch to any home, they are collector's pieces. Prices start at \$1500 for individual prints numbered to 99 or a set of four will cost \$5000.

Working out with shampoo

While our bodies might glow with the benefits of an invigorating workout in the surf, the pool or the gym, our hair can end up looking decidedly glum.



J.F. Lazartigue After Swimming hair Care Shampoo is a breakthrough product specifically developed to gently remove the damaging after-effects of a swim or a workout, and to restore the shine and balance of happy hair.

Its special formula makes hair soft, supple, shiny and manageable. It takes out the tangles, making a conditioner unnecessary, and it's so gentle it can be used several times

a day, after every dip or shower. The new shampoo is available exclusively from J.F. Lazartigue, Melbourne Central, 250 Little Lonsdale Street. Tel: 663 3949. Long last 250 ml bottles are priced at \$50.

SWATCH AUTOMATIC



The Swatch Automatic is the latest little gem from Swatch. It is as attractive technically as it is aesthetically.

The Swatch Automatic is a self winding mechanical timepiece. The power it needs to keep running is not provided by a battery but by natural kinetic energy.

A rotor, or fly wheel, which rotates around its axis with every movement of the wearer's wrist ensures that the mainspring stays wound. A ball bearing in the rotor gives the movement up to 47 hours power reserve. The movement has 23 jewels and the balance spring oscillates at a rate of three times per second.

Like all swatches, it is shock resistant, water resistant to 30 metres and comes with a one year guarantee. The Swatch Automatic sells for \$110 at good jewellery and department stores throughout Australia.

HOT

Edited by CAROLYN PALLIARDI

SHOW YOUR TEAM COLOURS

Here's your chance to own an original team shirt as worn by the European teams, Fiorentina and Atalanta. Original team shirts, both home and away worn by the Lotto sponsored teams are now available for about \$90. A selection of goalkeeper shirts are also available for around \$160.

Lotto clothing, footwear and accessories are designed and manufactured in Italy and feature colourful and graphic prints. All designs are exclusive to Lotto and supplies are limited. All Lotto Soccer clothing, together with footwear and accessories, is available at leading sports stores.



Designer fragrances

Famous international designers Franco Moschino and Romeo Gigli are crossing the barriers of couture and are moving into the fragrance world.

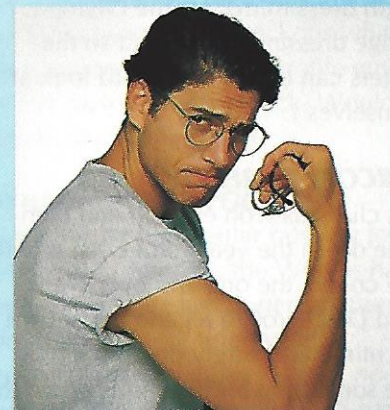
Men's fragrances are making as strong a statement as the women's this spring/summer. Vice Versa by Moschino and Remo Gigli are two that are fun and unusual.

Moschino pour homme fragrance ranges from \$63 for 50ml splash to \$120 for the 100ml bottle of Vice Versa. Romeo Gigli per unomo fragrance ranges from \$65 for 50ml splash to \$110 for 100ml spray.

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For those of us who find it impossible to take good care of our sunglasses we now have flexi frames. These are totally flexible. They're almost impossible to break and because they have a memory the frames return to their correct shape when accidentally bent out of shape. Great for those people who forget to keep their frames in cases. They are available in a range of prices at all OPSM Express stores.



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It's Christmas time, that time for loving and sharing, families and festivities, happy faces and feasting. So what of our happy family of Coca Cola Soccer League clubs? What has Santa in store for them at this time of giving?

ADELAIDE CITY

What do you give to a club which boasts everything; pride, poise, strength, stability and a couple of gleaming new trophies in the crystal cabinet to boot? Let's get real here, all the Zebras' Christmas presents came at once in May this year and jolly Santa won't be dropping another bundle down Adelaide City's chimney for some time.

BRISBANE UNITED

The shopping list for the banana-benders is a kilometre long, with gifts of support, ability and credibility all urgently required. Santa would dearly love to bestow the gift of humility to coach Miron Bleiberg, but instead Brisbane United will finally get a nickname. How about the Brisbane Bridesmaids, a name symbolic of that state's long-time standing at CCSL level.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Santa had no problems deciding what to give the boys from Olympic Village. Once again a season of promise has turned to disaster despite the best efforts of coach Gary Cole. So to the Heidelberg United players goes a full length dress mirror for the Olympic Village dressing rooms, just so the Bergers can take a long, hard look at themselves!

MARCONI FAIRFIELD

This club has won enough and then some down the years. But what of wily, new coach, the one and only Frank 'Mad Dog' Arok, a legend in his own lunchtime and surely deserving of a little something for his efforts down the years. What about a nomination for the Pulitzer Prize for his literary achievements with 'My Beloved Socceroos'?

MELBOURNE CSC

These guys need help. Funny how the toughest of all Coca-Cola Socceroos (says Frank Arok) in Ken Murphy is coaching the biggest bunch of lily-livered pussies. They call the stretcher bearers every time a Melbourne player looks like being tackled. Santa has come up with a bulk health care plan for the most injury-prone side in the comp.

MORWELL FALCONS

Shucky darn, the other clubs want the Falcons to get a real stadium, just like the ones back in the big smoke. The

Falcons players want earmuffs to save them from Bobby McLachlan's now infamous half-time tirades. But Santa reckons the locals deserve something special. What about a Billy Wright doll for the kiddies. They talk like Billy, walk like Billy and after about 20 minutes you feel like wringing Billy's neck. Just like the real thing!

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

Santa is hoping to get coach Bruce Stowell a personality. Nice guy, but





A PEEK IN SANTA'S SACK

spiralling dives into the turf, for all the minutes wasted as fallen Eagles lay writhing on the ground and for all the forlorn penalty appeals..

PRESTON

Santa considered everything for Preston, including a pick to assist with the removal of chips from shoulders, before settling on four bonus match points, to be awarded by the CCSL tribunal as a tribute to the club for its decade of national league football.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

Blues coach Jimmy Pyrgolios is such a nice bloke; if he were born a dog his tail would always be wagging. What a shame he coaches in the (more than ample) shadow of departed legend Ferenc Puskas. We reckon 'JP' is doing OK, but Santa wants to give him that touch of street credibility he sorely lacks. For Jim, it's two dozen doughnuts, as much fried food as possible, several milk shakes, anything covered in whipped cream, danish pastries and lashings of ice cream.

SYDNEY CSC

What about a gag for coach Manfred Schaefer, who came up with the fateful line suggesting Morwell Falcons played

with the same style and flair of an under-15 team. Final score: Morwell 2 – Sydney CSC 0. Ouch. See what happens when you speak out Manfred ?

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Santa's got just the deal for sluggish Olympic, a long dormant giant of the game. The old fella's going to relocate the club to Glebe or Lithgow, or as close as possible to a power station. We reckon it will take about 50,000 volts to kick start this mob into life.

WEST ADELAIDE SHARKS

Santa doesn't really rate in comparison to that magical fairy from the top of the Sharks' Christmas tree, coach Raul Blanco. Thanks to Raul, the Sharks are about to have a winning season for the first time since Ray Blair was in kindy. But Santa (what a guy) reckons what this team needs is a high-profile guy to get the crowds rushing back. Would Ronald MacDonald do ?

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

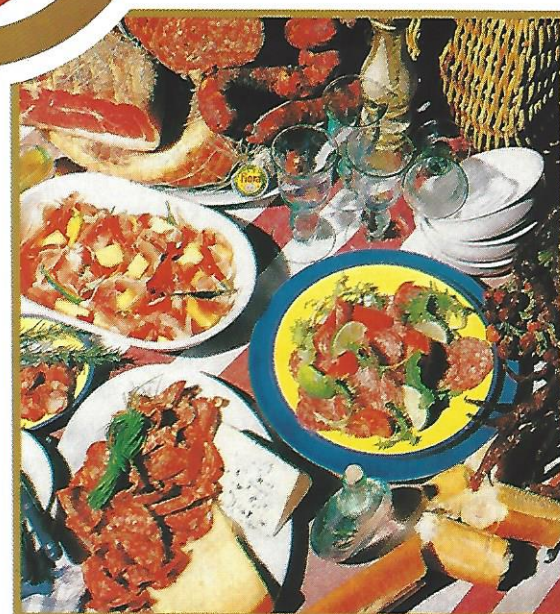
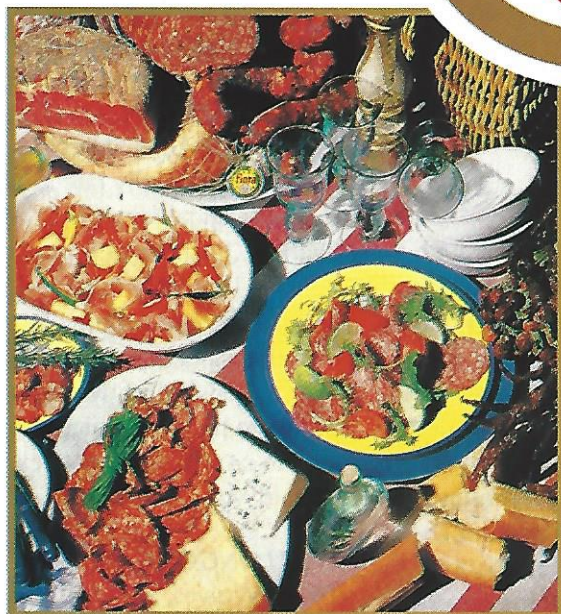
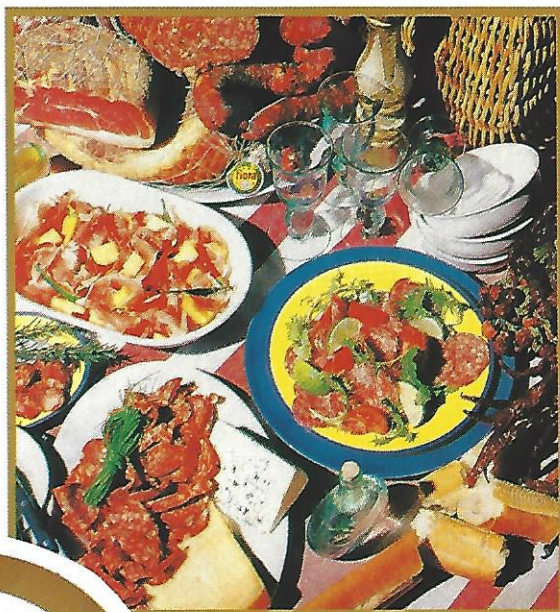
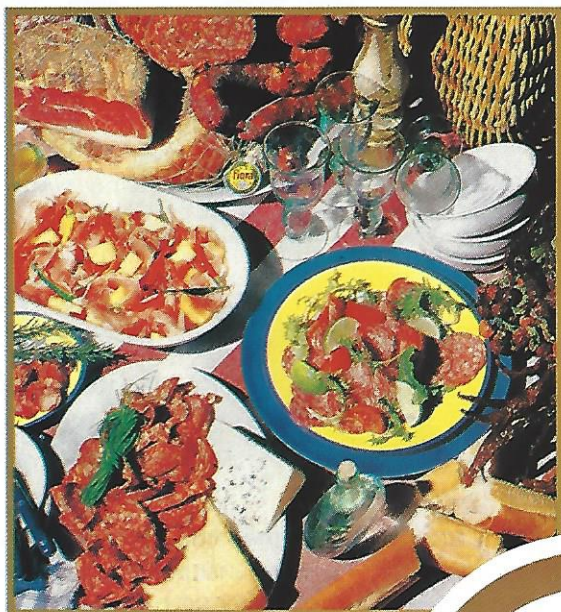
To the Wolves, a regular busking job in Kings Cross. After all, the Wolves have been doing first class impersonations of a football team for three years. Seriously, watching this team of no-names is about as pleasant as re-run tapes of Penrith's 1984 match highlights.

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fellow is about as much fun as having molars extracted at the dentist – and about as informative. Hey, we love ya Bruce, but for goodness sakes can you talk to us every now and then and actually say something.

PARRAMATTA EAGLES

Santa had no problems with this one. The Eagles will get their long awaited Academy Award nomination, for goodness knows they've earned it this season. This is for all the spectacular



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NED ZELIC'S GOAL-DEN BOOTS



• From Page 7

Booth: How is Borussia doing? Name some of your teammates?

Zelic: We are doing very well. At the time of writing we are fourth on the Bundesliga table, one point behind the leaders, Bayern Munich. We are also in the quarter-finals of the German Cup and through to the third round of the UEFA Cup. The second round tie against Glasgow Celtic was a bit disappointing because I was on the bench for the first leg at home and missed the trip to Scotland because of the flu. My teammates include Swiss international striker Stefan Chapvisat, Michael Rummenige, younger brother of former German captain Karl-Heinz, and Michael Zorc who was the sweeper in the German team which won the 1981 World Youth Championships when they were played in Australia.

Booth: How are you coping with the German language. What media exposure have you enjoyed?

Zelic: A lot of people speak English but I am in the early stages of learning the German language which will make things easier. It was difficult in the first couple of weeks with simple things such as asking for directions, people asking me for directions, and finding places but it's getting easier. The media exposure has been fairly good. I've done three stories with three different TV stations and a few with newspapers. Football has a high profile here so there is always room for an interview.

Booth: How are you coping with the money and trappings, that go with a superstar?

Zelic: I just try to do things the way I have always done them and the way I want to. I am aware of different sorts of opportunities that can be more or less detrimental but I don't think or worry about things that can get in the way. There are many things that come with the job that are hard to cope with but there's no use worrying about them. It doesn't make it any better worrying about them!

SOCCER AUSTRALIA

How would you like to be the proud owner of those GOAL-den boots? Yes, that's right! The boots that Ned Zelic wore for the Coca-Cola Olyroos against Holland in Utrecht.

The boots that enabled him to score that amazing goal which sent the Coca-Cola Olyroos to Barcelona and helped earn Ned a dream contract with German giants Borussia Dortmund.

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Write your answer on the back of an envelope with your name, age, address and telephone number. Inside include a cut-out of the Soccer Australia masthead below. Post the envelope to SOCCER AUSTRALIA, P O Box 200, Carlton South, Vic 3053.

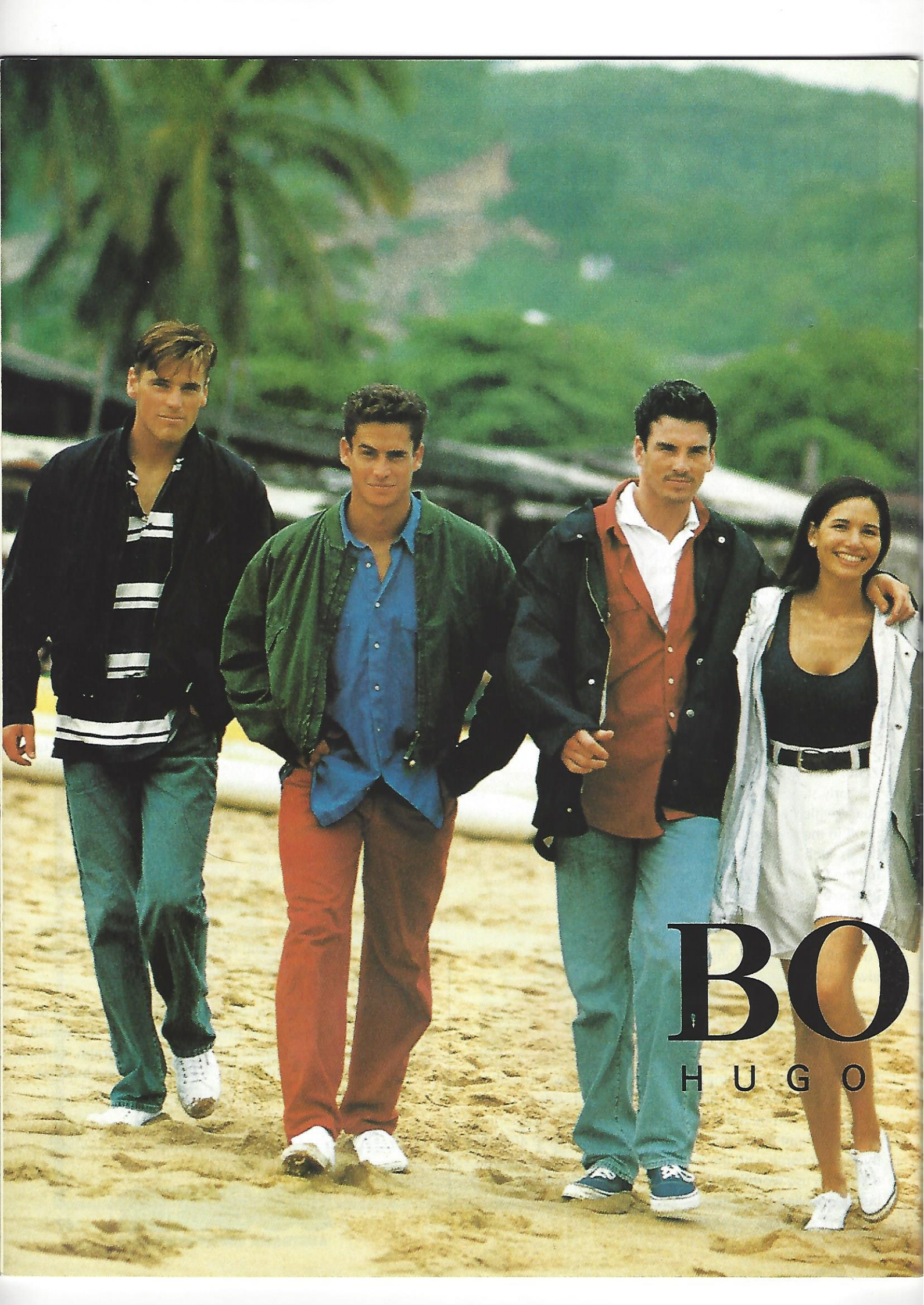
Second prize is a special Adidas soccer ball, as used in this year's European championship finals in Sweden. It is valued at \$400. Your entry must arrive by Friday January 15th. The winner will be announced in the February issue of SOCCER AUSTRALIA.

• The Olyroo team photograph on the front cover of our November issue sparked plenty of interest. If you would like to buy a poster-sized print of the photograph, contact World Soccer Pty Ltd on (03) 639 2707 during business hours for further details.

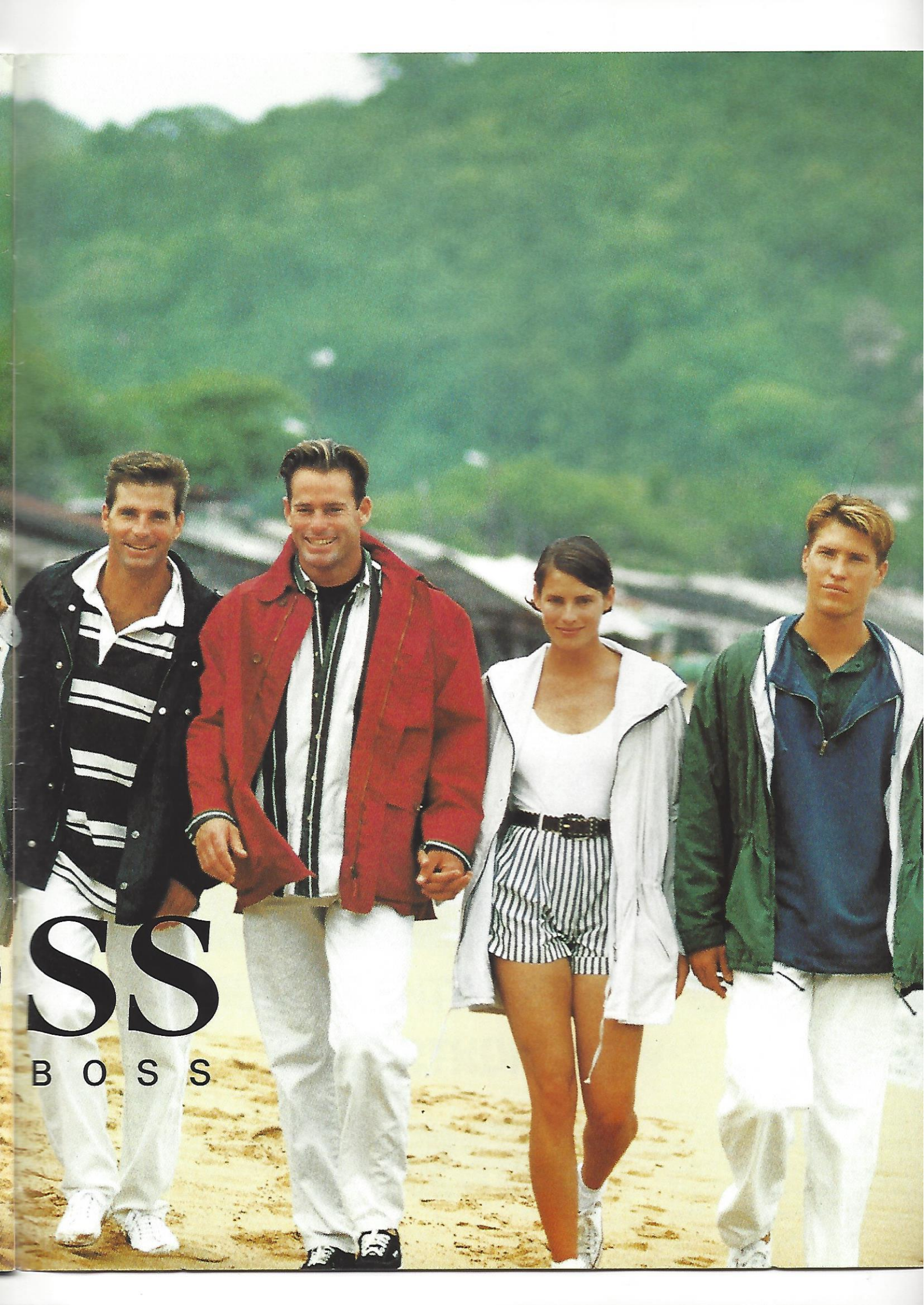


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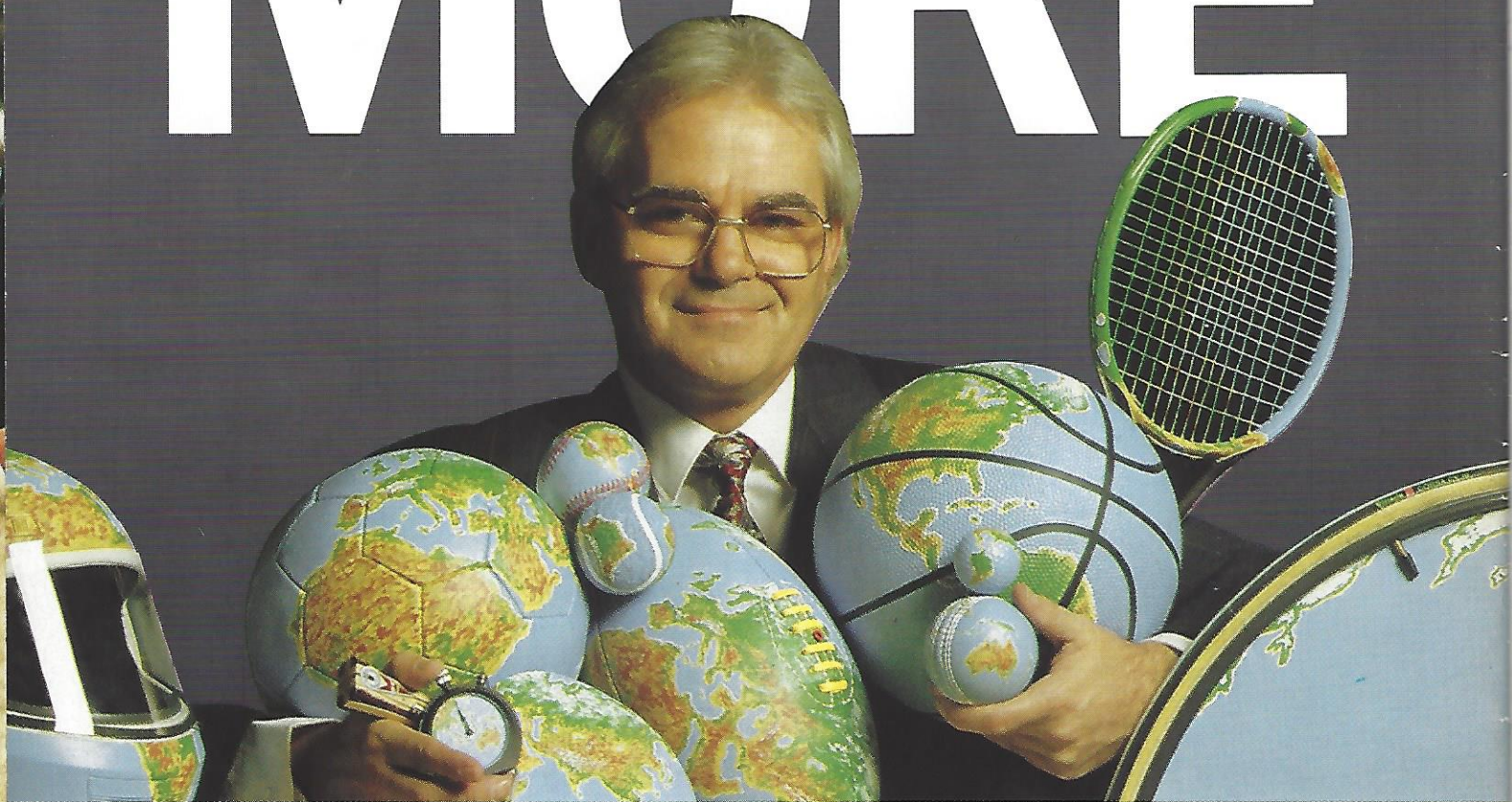


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